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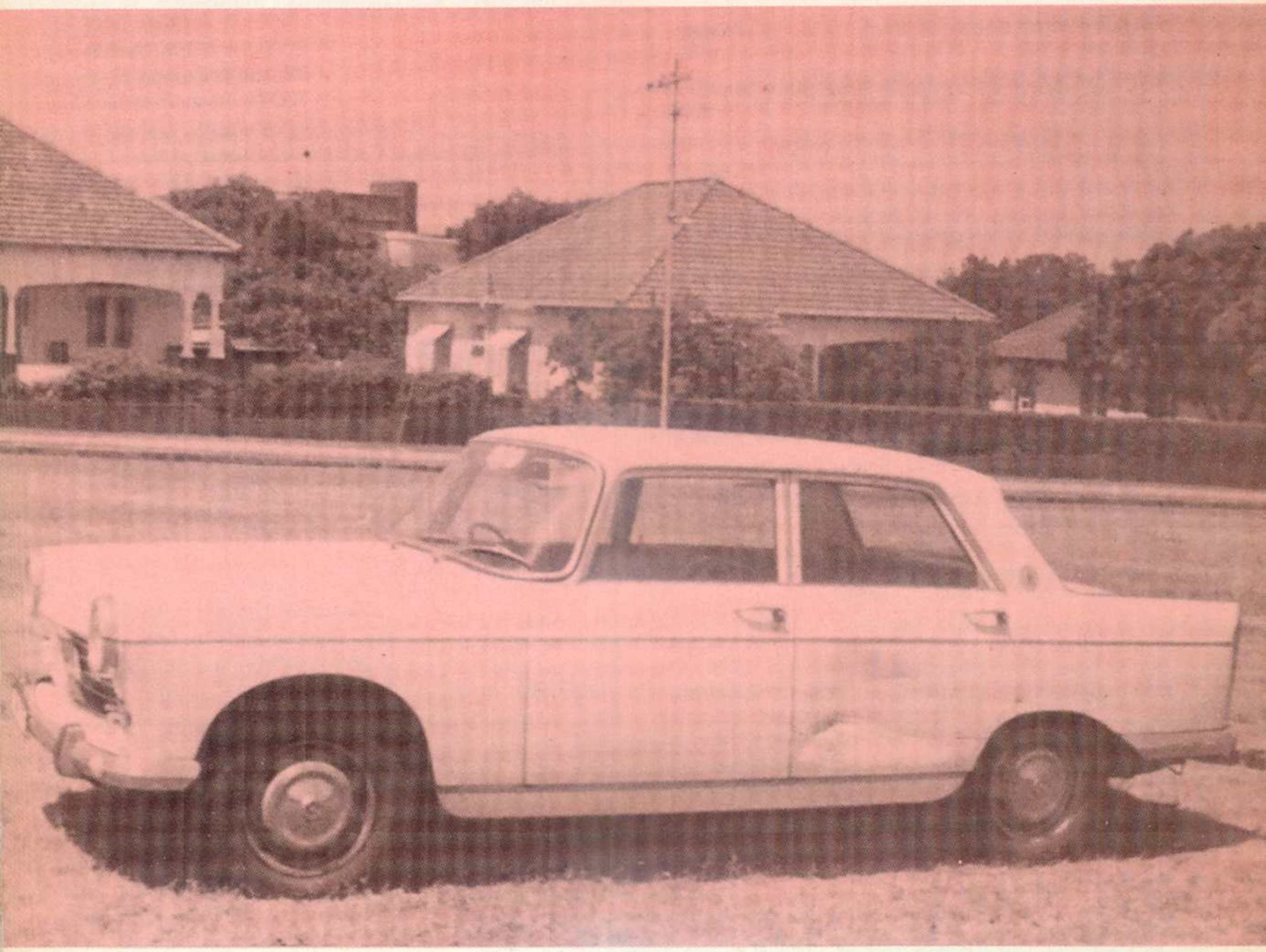

An ordinary family car? On the face of it, yes. But this is the car that may have been "somewhere else" when it was

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SIGNAL SUCCESS

ONE of the strange phenomena which can be said to be a by-product of an interest in reports of the UFO phenomenon, is the change in attitude of those well-meaning researchers who – to return to the well-worn electronics analogy – set out to detect the "signal" hidden in the background of "noise," but become so obsessed with hunting the noise that they completely neglect the signal.

This attitude, it would seem, evolves from a situation where over-much attention is paid to reports of high-altitude, or distant lights in the sky, in short, the notorious LITS. (These are not be to confused with John Keel's LITS, which are quite another matter.)

Our experience is that LITS of the British variety are usually the least interesting and least informative part of the UFO phenomenon – and we apologise that we sometimes carry accounts of them. LITS can be misidentifications of mundane artifacts or natural phenomena (and only occasionally are not such misidentifications), and as a consequence they invariably make up most of the background noise. So why do people work themselves into a frenzy about them when the signal which is the focal point of our interest makes itself loud and clear elsewhere, *and at closer range?*

We have long held the view, and vigorously thumped our tub to the effect, that they key to any possible solution of the UFO problem will be found in the reports of low level and close encounter UFO experiences (which cannot be identified as Venus, or space debris, or balloons, or sundry other ingredients of the background "noise") and in the realms of contact cases, and perhaps even some of the contactee claims.

That this could well be so was demonstrated recently when the British UFO Research Association achieved something of a signal success with their organisation of a scientific conference on the subject at Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, on May 10/11, 1975.

The opening speaker at the conference was Professor John Taylor of Kings College, University of London. Dr. Taylor is famed for his work on Black Holes in Space, and also for his research into the phenomenon of Uri Geller, and those other young people who have suddenly found a talent for metal bending by paranormal means, and other feats in the realm of ESP. As our readers will know, there have been claims by Uri and his mentor, Dr. Andrija Puharich, that Uri's powers are derived from UFOs and/or beings which are presumed to be UFO entities. It was not such claims, however, that were of concern to Dr. Taylor. Quite independently his researches have indicated that Geller, his co-"benders," and UFOs, may all be part of the same psychic world, for he has discovered that they are linked by a sound, a noise heard by both metal benders and by many close encounter UFO

witnesses. It is believed that this sound is connected with electro-magnetism, and that electro-magnetism may be the force at work in the feats of paranormal metal-bending and disintegrating.

Other talks were given by Dr. Joachin Kuettner, this year's Chairman at the annual general meeting of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), a world expert in meteorology, and chairman of the AIAA's UFO subcommittee which reported, in December 1968, just prior to the publication of the Condon Report, that after a "... careful examination of the present state of the UFO issue [it had] concluded that the controversy cannot be resolved without further study in a quantitative scientific manner, and that it deserves the attention of the engineering and scientific community." Dr. Kuettner, who had flown in from Geneva, based his talk on the next steps in UFO research, the pitfalls to be avoided, and lines of attack in other countries.

C.A.E. 'Tim' O'Brien, BUFORA Evaluation Co-ordinator on UFOs, gave a fascinating talk on source probabilities. It was interesting to see that the possible psychic connection for UFOs featured as a high probability in the charts presented by Mr. O'Brien, geologist, and a former leading scientist in the oil industry.

Talks were also given by Leonard G. Cramp and Trevor Whittaker, and there was a showing of the ATV UFO film of October 26, 1971, taken near Banbury, Oxfordshire, England, and about which Roger Stanway, Chairman of BUFORA, has published a limited edition of his report on the film and UFO event.

BUFORA are to be congratulated on their energy and industry in organising this conference, and it is understood that the Proceedings will eventually be published.

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Chairman Roger Stanway and his fellow-organisers Charles F. Lockwood and Anthony R. Pace had no reason to be other than pleased with the turnout of members of the association, who seemed to have travelled from far and wide to be present. It is understandable, however, that the organisers were a little disappointed with the attendance figures for 'outside' members of the public. Advance notices in the local press did not materialise either to the extent, or in the manner, expected: how often, in this subject, do we anticipate reasonable publicity, only to find it nipped in the bud.

Professor John G. Taylor at the BUFORA conference. Photograph by courtesy of Omar F. Fowler, Chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena

However, there should have been a crumb of comfort for them in the fact that the BBC sent a TV camera crew and members of John Craven's *Newsround* team to the conference. John Craven and his team have been consulting the Editor of *Flying Saucer Review* as part of preparations for a new programme which is to be broadcast shortly. It is good that they were at Stoke-on-Trent because our past experience with them – as in a *Search* programme in 1971 – has been that they are entirely fair and objective in their presentation.

A DOUBLE ISSUE FSR

To assist us in the battle to recover our normal production schedules, the next issue will be double size, and will cover FSR Vol.21, Nos 3 & 4.

Readers whose subscriptions would normally run out with No.3, will receive their renewal notice inside this magazine (Vol.21, No.2). If they do not renew their subscription they will receive Vol.21, No.5 when published, but not Vol.21, Nos. 3 &4.

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We are threatened with an increase in postage in September, and it seems that more additional postage will have to be charged from Vol.21, No.5. Details will be given in the next issue.

ESCORTED BY UFOs FROM UMVUMA TO BEIT BRIDGE

The Rhodesian UFO encounter and teleportation

Carl van Vlierden

This article has been prepared from report forms completed by the witnesses, Peter and Frances, and from the author's taped interview with the witnesses. Transcription, precis and editing by Charles Bowen

INTRODUCTORY notes with a brief and partial comparative phenomenology, and a preliminary newspaper report of the UFO encounter claimed to have been experienced by Peter and Frances,* with suspected levitation of their car, were presented in the last issue of *Flying Saucer Review* by Charles Bowen in his article "Car teleported by UFOs in Rhodesia."

The incident occurred on the night of May 30-31, 1974, during a journey that Peter and his wife were making from Salisbury via Fort Victoria and Beit Bridge on the border, to Durban, Natal, South Africa. The young couple were puzzled by the affair, but having given little thought previously to the subject of UFOs, and not having read books on the subject —although it will be seen that Peter, a young man with unusual gifts, had had an earlier UFO experience — they had no idea to whom to turn, to whom to report the incident. Then one day when they had been settled in the Republic for more than five months, they read a seriously-treated news item about a UFO report in *The Natal Mercury*. They approached the newspaper, and science columnist Bill Faill listened to their account and referred them to me.

On November 28, 1974, Peter and Frances completed sighting report forms for me in my capacity as MUFON representative (as well as FSR correspondent) in South Africa. On December 1, 1974, I interviewed them in their Durban home, going over all the points, in depth, that they had made in their written reports. With their permission I recorded the interview, and the following account is based on, or quoted directly from that recording.

I – The Encounters

The night of May 30-31, 1974, was cloudless, with 100% visibility, although there was no moon.

The "policeman"

The strange events started at a point about 10 km to the south of Umvuma, when both witnesses saw a policeman, at least they thought at first that it was a policeman, sitting at the side of the road, and holding a "walkie-talkie" in his hand. This is what he seemed to be to Peter, who was driving his *Peugeot 404* well in excess of the 100 km.h. speed limit. As that stretch of road is noted for speed traps, he slowed down. The pair of them then began to think in more detail about the policeman. Peter remarked that the metallic-looking suit seemed queer for a policeman, as they normally wore khaki. Frances described the suit as "plasticky."

Frances looked back but could see nothing behind them.

The first UFO

The UFO appeared at 2.30 a.m. Frances is quite sure of the time, because she thought the light was from a house on a hill and, looking at her watch, remarked that it was very late for someone to be up in that part of the world. Then the idea occurred to her that it might be a communications tower beacon. The light was like a spotlight and it started to revolve like a lighthouse in such a way that it was like a spotlight being switched on and off.

The light was on the passenger side of the vehicle (left-hand side). It appeared fairly close, and seemed to keep pace with the car. For a brief while they wondered whether or not it might be a helicopter.

It had a bluish tinge, was bright and steady, on for 5 seconds, off for 2 seconds.

E.M. Effects

Next the car lights began to fade. This was pointed out by Peter, and although they were again driving at 140 km.h., the maximum for the *Peugeot*, the lights inside and outside slowly dimmed out. At the same time the radio continued to function perfectly as they listened to L.M.'s (Lourenço Marques, in Mozambique) light jazz programme.

Peter said, however, that there was an immense light around the car, as if from neon lights, and enough to cast shadows.

Falling temperature

As they drove along it suddenly became very cold in the car, unseasonally so, and they had to wrap up in coats, woollies and blankets, and switch the electric heater on (that, like the radio, was still operating). The ignition too must have been normal, for the engine was running well. Then, said Peter, he took his foot off the accelerator, but the car continued to motor at 150 km.h! It seemed the battery had plenty of "juice" in it, and after all, the radio (powered from the battery) and cigarette lighters still worked.

The cold in the car was very unusual. Peter had travelled the route several times, and said he'd never

* Names and addresses on file with FSR

known such cold. It was just like the inside of a refrigerator, and he estimated the drop in temperature to have been about 20° – 30°F, down to less than 50°F.

Driving on "Automatic Pilot"

I took Peter up on his statement that he had taken his foot off the accelerator, and that there had been no associated reduction of speed. He confirmed that he'd driven from a point 18 km outside Fort Victoria, until entering the filling station at Fort Victoria, without headlights, and with no control. He couldn't stop the car, as there was no power over braking. At the same time he couldn't steer or control the engine. The car was travelling at about 160 km.h., and when he took his foot off the accelerator to apply the brake the car just continued without interruption.

I observed that as he'd moved his leg and foot he wasn't "paralysed" and he retorted that he certainly wasn't, for he had been lighting cigarettes, and so on.

Peter: "I only did it (took foot off accelerator) once. I was petrified, but said nothing to Frances, for she seemed on the verge of hysteria as it was, seeing all this happening."

Frances: "The car seemed perfectly controlled. As the passenger I saw nothing untoward. The car wasn't veering all over the road. The driver just sat doing nothing: it was as though we were on 'automatic pilot.' "

Peter: "I tried to move the steering wheel, but nothing happened. I was petrified, but Frances remarked: 'How can you sit there so calm?'

Frances: " 'Oh,' he said, 'Its only a UFO,' and I said 'What are you going to do about it?' He replied 'What *can* I do about it?' "

The African buses

The solitary UFO switched from the left (Frances's side) to Peter's side of the car for about 1 km. and then switched back. The one UFO stayed with them until they were a few kilometres from Fort Victoria.

At about the time of the switching of station, they passed what appeared to be an African bus parked in a lay-by outside an African trading store. There was not a soul in sight. All lights in the bus, and its headlights, were blazing, but it was empty. Usually, said Peter, these buses were crammed with passengers and luggage, with bikes, bags and trunks, and chickens, on top, and many passengers sit throughout the journey guarding their possessions, even relieving themselves in the bus rather than leaving their personal chattels. On this instance there was not a person to be seen. "Very weird" said Frances.

This first bus was on the left, and pointing in the direction in which they were travelling. The next two African buses, with lights on, and engines running, were on the other side of the road, and facing in the other direction. The second bus was 7 km. beyond the first bus they'd seen, and then there was a third a further 5 km along the road. Both were empty. Both were parked at the roadside, a thing drivers of buses do not do in Rhodesia as heavy fines are inflicted on the proprietors for such offences. If a bus breaks down it is incumbent upon the driver to place a warning red triangle on the road behind the vehicle. None of these buses were accompanied by red triangles.

Peter and Frances were particularly interested in the buses as they carried the livery of a firm in the group for which Frances worked.

The beam of light

There was a beam of light from the UFO to the horizon or (asked Frances) was it from the horizon to the UFO?

When they were some 10 km. from Fort Victoria the UFO shot off like a shooting star.

At 4.30 a.m. they drove into the garage in Fort Victoria without lights. (Peter switched off the engine and when, an hour later he switched on again, and started, the lights responded normally to the switch.)

The petrol pump attendant remarked that there was something wrong with their headlights. As he was filling the tank up to the brim with petrol Frances, swathed in fur coat and woolies, said something about it being a very cold night. The native attendant, who had been sleeping near the pumps clad in only a singlet and shorts, looked at her in surprise and denied that it was cold.

The car was only warm again when they got back in, after a fruitless endeavour to buy hot coffee, but after a welcome wash at the hotel. They drove away from Fort Victoria at 5.30 a.m.

Now two UFOs

About 10 km. out of Fort Victoria Frances once again alerted Peter to the appearance of a/the UFO on the left-hand station, but this time they also saw another one move into position above the car. They were either small, or a lot higher. This time they did not come up from behind a hill like the first one had done. Suddenly, for example, the one on the left was there, travelling at the same speed as the car. Its light was steady, and there was no twinkle.

The car that was "somewhere else"

Absence of people

Another strange aspect of the journey was that apart from the "policeman" and one native at the fort Victoria filling station, they recalled seeing no-one else during the journey. Nor were there any vehicles other than the three buses, seen in most unusual circumstances and condition. Peter said that this was normally a busy route. [*Especially as, in view of the daytime heat people probably prefer to drive through the night: also, this was the night before a South African public holiday, National Day, and as this was the main route to South Africa, one might expect additional travellers – EDITOR.*]

The swamps

Now they came upon most unexpected terrain. Frances had fixed her attention on the UFO which she could see pacing them to the left, but she does recall seeing many low bushes and masses of high grass, and the land appeared wet. Which was strange, for vegetation in that region is sparse, with a few "umbrella trees" and scattered low scrub on very dry ground. Peter was more specific: "There were large expanses of swamp, and water on the surface. which I could see reflecting the light from above."

This light was the same colour as before, and the car lights were now normal, and Peter could see lush foliage. The road was stone dry, yet the sides of the road, the verges and the country beyond, were wet. Lots of water and tropical vegetation.

Frances reminded us that normally there is a constant noise of crickets and cicadas. There was no noise from the engine, and no sound of crickets and cicadas. It was like travelling in a dream with all the sounds switched off – except the radio still plugging away with the same old programme.

"Remote control" once more

As they were leaving Fort Victoria their speed was of the order of 120 km.h. It was now up to, or even above the 190 km.h. region (limit of the graduated scale).

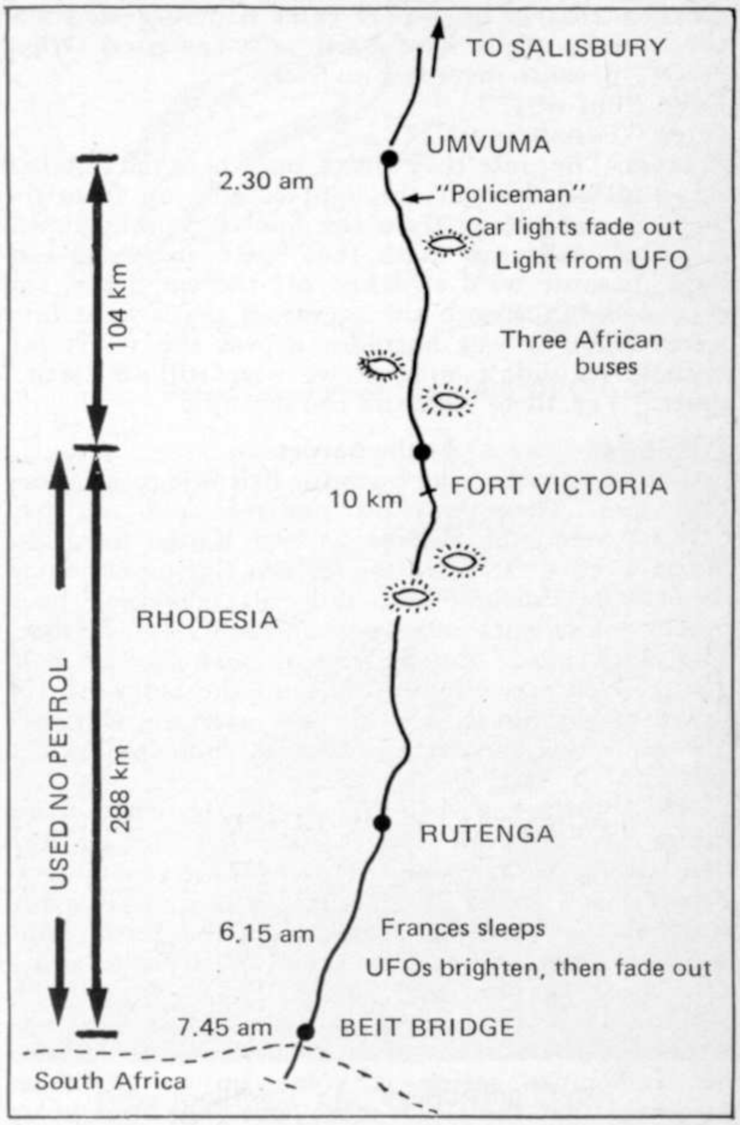
Peter said he himself had no control over the car at 200 km.h., or more, yet "...the car was not lacking control at all: it 'did its own thing'." And he admitted that inwardly he was scared out of his wits. "I tried to ignore the phenomenon at first as being an optical illusion, but then found that I was losing control, as though someone else was operating the car: *I wasn't driving!*"

He felt shocked, indeed petrified. He just couldn't drive, and there was no response when he tried to. He said he might just as well have climbed into the back seat away from the controls.

Although the road from Fort Victoria to Beit Bridge is far from straight, that night, according to Peter, it was dead straight; straight as a ribbon until about 3 km. before reaching Beit Bridge.

Sleep

The witnesses recalled being worried by the absence of the usual beautiful Rhodesian dawn. No rosy pre-dawn, no sunrise; just grey overcast.



Sketch map of the route from Umvuma to Beit Bridge, showing the incidents on the way

It was fully light – the grey light – when Peter switched off the headlights. The two UFOs were still clearly visible, though seemingly higher. There was still no sign of life, either human or animal.

Frances fell asleep at about 6.15 a.m.

Frances: "There's a point I'd like to make: just before I fell asleep I think we'd lost all sound from the radio. Till then we'd not had to change the station at all, which is unusual for the distance travelled, and the time. Then, for about half-an-hour, nothing, which is why I went to sleep, for there was no radio to listen to and keep me occupied. We fiddled with it for a time but could pick up nothing."

Peter: "From 5.30 a.m. I had lost trace of time. I felt as though in a coma. Everything just disappeared. Three minutes after Frances fell asleep I can remember nothing. I seemed mesmerised by the unending, solid stream of road – it was like drivers' hypnosis."

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At one point in my interview I remarked upon

the fact that in his report Peter had suggested that the objects might have been solar-energised. Why?
Peter: "Because there was no Sun."
CvV: "But why?"
Peter: "I don't know..."
Frances: "Because they rose from where the Sun had set, and we thought the light coming up from the horizon was energy from the Sun. No pinky dawn, and this made me think they were absorbing sunlight, because we'd switched off the car lights, and they couldn't absorb the power, if that's what they were doing. It was horrible: it was the worst bit, because we didn't know if we were still on Earth."
Peter: "Yes, there were still the swamps."

At the border

Frances awoke when nearing Beit Bridge at about 7.00 a.m. There was no sunlight, and the two objects were still visible. At the border post she did not draw the attention of the Customs men to the UFOs. Furthermore, and this may have been purely coincidental, she was confused as to the time. The clock inside the Rhodesian post showed 8.30 a.m., which was also the time on the clock on the tower of the South African post over the way, yet the car clock, and their watches, indicated nearly 7.30 a.m.

The Rhodesian officials were the first living things they had seen since leaving Fort Victoria, and they were wearing safari suits. When they saw Frances and Peter they were amazed, and asked whether they had just come from the North Pole. At that point someone switched on a radio, and a time-check was given at 7.30 a.m.

The UFOs had now gone, and the sunlight was all around them in the usual manner, but they could not remember seeing it come up at all. Peter suggested that the UFOs must have gone straight up and out of sight. [*This might sound a trifle vague, but even on the strength of the account we have heard so far, the witnesses had had a traumatic experience, so it is hardly surprising they sound vague over details – EDITOR.*]

The missing kilometres

Peter was surprised, when reading the speedo trip meter, which he had re-set to zero at Fort Victoria, to find that it had recorded only 17 km., yet the distance by road from Fort Victoria to Beit Bridge is 288 km. He had "tanked up" to the brim at Fort Victoria, and expected to take on a further supply at the Beit Bridge South African post. When he tried to do this the tank would take only 22 cents worth, which is less than two litres – which must have been the amount used between Fort Victoria and the point where the UFOs had picked them up the second time that night.

Which was a remarkable conclusion to a remarkable and nightmarish night's drive.

II – Strange experience in the past

Peter and Frances kept their counsel. To any normal person, that is, to any lay person with little concern for UFO or other strange phenomena, their story would no doubt have sounded ludicrous. But, as will be seen, other factors may have been at work prompting their immediate silence about their experience.

Astral travel

Peter had entered a note about astral travelling in his report form, so I asked him about it. He told me that he was accustomed to astral travel up to 4 or 5 years ago. He had started the practice when he was 14, at puberty, and he went on doing it until he was 19. He stopped doing it after meeting Frances because she didn't like it.

Frances: "There was one night when I got a terrific shock because he was asleep and he suddenly went... well, I thought he had died, because he wasn't breathing, and his skin...I could almost see through him, and his skin was almost transparent. I figured he must be astral travelling then because I realised his breathing was there, very shallow. I knew better than to wake him up, so I left him, and about 10 minutes later he was back to normal, and I woke him up. Since then he's never done it again and *(turning to Peter)* I don't know what happened then...I never asked you."
CvV: "When astral travelling have you seen the cord connecting you with your body shell?"
Peter: "Yes."
CvV: "And this recent *(UFO)* experience...?"
Peter: "It was exactly the same sensation that one gets when one is parting from one's own self...like the initial stages when one relaxes and takes in oneself, preparing to astral travel: this is how I felt."

Telepathy, self hypnosis, etc.

Peter, in his statement, said his mental telepathic powers were fading since the experience of May 30-31, 1974, but that his power to concentrate and absorb things has improved immensely. I asked him at what age he first realised he had telepathic powers.
Peter: "At adolescence, at about 14 years of age, I found I could do these things: astral travel, self hypnosis and mental telepathy. Things outside the scope of normal boys. I used telepathy as a party

Peter and his car

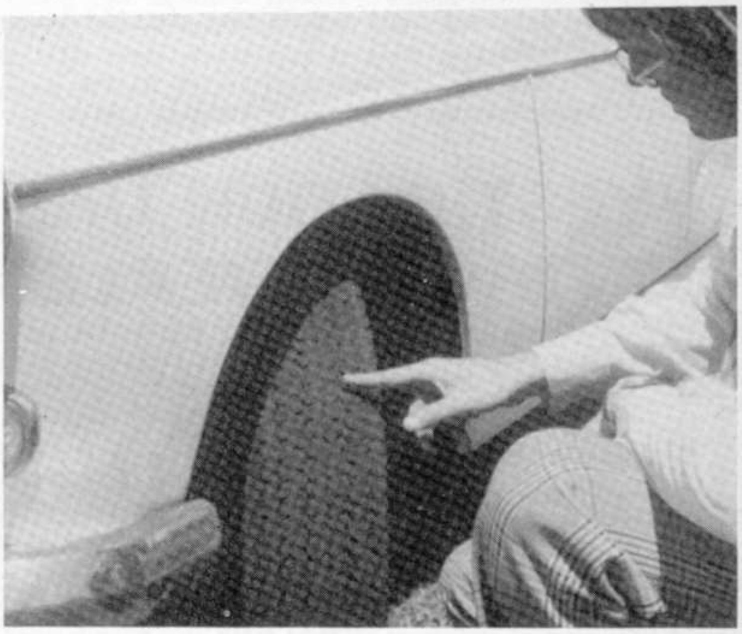
piece, but crudely, because I never perfected it. Now I've lost it."
CvV: "Can you still do astral travelling?"
Peter: "No. I've tried, but it's gone."
CvV: "And you, Frances, your fantastic memory?"
Frances: "Yes. I could read through a set book before an exam and remember it almost word for word. Now it's gone, completely."
Peter: (with a chuckle): "Now just a lovely dumb blonde!"

Another saucer

In his report Peter had added an important note. One point, he wrote, that may have had some bearing on the fact that these objects picked them up is that in July, 1964, he saw a flying saucer, which he erased from his memory, due to the opinions about those objects at that time. He also drew an excellent sketch of the object. I asked him for further details of that experience.
Peter: "It was outside Shabani. I was travelling with my father in his van. I used to bunk school to help him do his long delivery trips. He was driving. It was on a dirt road from Gwelo via Selukwe to Shabani. There was an embankment around a bend. As we came around the corner there it was, about four feet off the road and about 60 – 70 feet across. As it took off it shot hot red dust around us in clouds."
CvV: "Did your father see it?"
Peter: "Yes. But he's the type of man who'd forget it."
Frances: "He wouldn't *want* to know."
CvV: "Did it make a big impression on you?"
Peter: "Yes. It made an impression on my father too, but he wouldn't mention it to anybody. The thing was only 20 to 30 feet away from us. It took off at an angle and just flew off. It was gun-metal grey, with black sections where the power unit was. Dust clung to the car for days, weeks. It was even baked into the paint of our big white van."
Frances: "What time was it? I haven't heard this story before. Was it day or night?"
Peter: "Daytime, about 11.30 a.m."
Frances: "Good heavens."
Peter: "We were doing about 80 mph. We saw it there and it just shot off. We were braking hard. Dad daren't swerve on the dirt road surface."
CvV: "I see. Where is Shabani on the map in relation to your recent encounter?"
Peter: "Here. The area is in an iron belt, and is rich in other minerals, gold and diamonds. Also the metal used in the bases of American space craft comes from Rhodesia. Everything is in that area."
CvV: "You say you erased this experience from your memory."
Peter: "Yes. My father told me to. He said: 'Don't tell anyone you've seen this.' "
CvV: "Have you told him about this latest...?"
Peter: "No. He's a brilliant man with physical things, but does not want to know about the unknown."

On the July, 1964, occasion Peter and his father were carrying a consignment of electronic tuning equipment. After the experience they found that in every piece of equipment every valve and diode

Peter's sketch of the 1964 UFO



Peter looking at his "everlasting" tyres

had been "blown" and they had to take them home to replace them.

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Peter is a clever artist, and now uses his talent commercially in his work as sales manager for a furniture business, where he is also involved in interior design and decoration.

The car

Peter wrote about a remarkable lack of wear of the tyres of the car after the 1974 experience. What precisely did he mean by this, I asked.
Peter: "For the trip I bought cheap re-treads. My intention was to buy new Michelins for the Peugeot when I got down here, because in Rhodesia they're about $60 – $70 each [*Rhodesian dollars* – ED] while in South Africa they're only R18 – R19 each. So there was no point in spending good money on tyres, and I put 'rubbish' on."
Frances: "Just to get us here."
Peter: "It so happens I re-treaded my Michelins. If you know anything about tyres you'll know its voodoo to re-tread wire frames. Give them 1200 km and they'll be off. The tyre people protested, but I

insisted. Now, seven months later, I've still got enough tread to last...er...well, they're not wearing at all."

Frances: "We can show you."

CvV: "That's the car out there?"

Frances: "Yes. We've done 7000 – 8000 km. on them, and they're like new."

Peter: "I do a lot of motor sport, and I know how to punish a tyre. One day I took the car to a drive-in, and put it through its paces to rip the threads. They didn't budge."

Frances: "He's continually moaning about them, because their road-holding isn't too good, but they're so perfect we don't want to spend money unnecessarily."

CvV: "You'd better hang on to that car. Maybe its indestructible!"

Frances: "It's not."

Peter: "We're having lots of trouble with the electrically-assisted clutch operation. And the alternator too. The only way to burn out an alternator is to run it too fast."

CvV: "I see. So the excessive speed of the car on the trip from Rhodesia...that could be proof?"

Peter: "I suppose so."

The next step

That was the end of my interview with this pleasant young couple. I had one important suggestion to make to them. The next step, if they were willing, would be to arrange for them to be questioned under hypnosis. This I could do through a friend of mine, a medical doctor, who had offered to help whenever I needed it. Everything would be conducted under properly controlled conditions.

Frances and Peter agreed readily to this, and to my suggestion that we should record the sessions.

INVESTIGATION UNDER HYPNOSIS: CONTACT REVEALED

THE investigation under hypnosis was conducted in Durban on December 3, 1974, by Dr. Paul Obertik, MD, in his consulting rooms.

Dr. Obertik went to South Africa in the late 1960s from Czechoslovakia, where he had studied and qualified in medicine. He is a member of the South African Society for Psychical Research (Natal Branch) and uses hypnotism in work connected with psychic studies. It was in the Society that he met Carl van Vlierden, and they found that they had mutual interests in that field.

Peter was an ideal subject under deep hypnosis. As recorded in *The Natal Mercury* of January 16, 1975, Dr. Obertik explains that there are several accepted levels of hypnosis – light, medium and deep. In the first, the subject's subconscious can probably project false beliefs, and his own ideas. In the last category – and Peter was in a very deep trance – nothing can be hidden, and the truth will always be revealed. The doctor's only conclusion, in the light of his considerable medical and experimental experience with hypnosis was that Peter experienced the things he talked about.

Frances, however, had no deeper experiences than those she remembered consciously. In fact she was unconscious between Fort Victoria and Beit Bridge.

Here then is a transcript of the recording of the investigation under hypnosis: readers are asked to excuse occasional gaps where the words – in a dull, flat monotone – of the hypnotised subject, were unrecognisable.

Above: Carl van Vlierden with Peter's car

Right: Dr. Paul Obertik

December 3, 1974.

Dr. O: Now Peter, you hear me. You can see everything. Tell me once more. You were travelling about 12 km from Fort Victoria. What happened then?

Peter: We were about 12 km outside Fort Victoria when we picked up the two objects. Two crafts together. One was about 85° off [?], the other was 90° directly above the car about 200 – 300 yards straight up. It sent down beams of light...or beams of some description, I don't know what type they were...[?], which gave the car a complete mind of its own, its own sense of power, direction, speed control, steering ability, lighting, everything. Even,

at one stage, the car was telling me what to do, how to do it...smoke a cigarette...light the lighter... change...switch the radio off from L.M. radio to another station. This is when we heard voices on the radio which sounded like L.M. broadcasting... sounded like music, but it wasn't. It was direct signals from the directly above spacecraft to the radio which was sending impulses to the car...to the cab, and to... I tried to fight it the whole journey, and this simulated screen was put in front of the windscreen, the side windscreens and the back windscreen of the motor car. This was from somewhere I don't know. We travelled along the whole journey completely off the top of the road. We didn't travel on the road at all. We went in a dead straight line from Fort Victoria to...to...3km outside...Fort Vic... [*Beit Bridge?* ED] Then we touched to the road again and both objects went to 2 to 3 miles directly above, again one at 80° to the motor car, the other directly above. This is very briefly what happened. More details...more details...er...

Dr. O: Relax Peter. You can remember what you want to say. Say so. What are the "more details" Peter? What did you want to say about more details? Are there some more details, Peter?

Fellow traveller

Peter: We were programmed inside the motor car. My wife fell asleep, or was put to sleep by the radio which was the voice of 'them', so she can't remember very much of what happened inside the car. And then the form which was beamed straight to the back seat and sat there the entire journey. It told me I would see what I wanted to see in and around, and at itself. I would only see what I wanted to see: if I wanted it to look like a duck, then it looked like a duck; if I wanted it to look like a monster, then it looked like a monster. I don't know...what they did...because I just don't know...I'll have to try to remember, because I must...they...

Dr. O: They...yes?

Peter: They took about 7 seconds to find that I had communicated with the past, and that I had control over my mind to be able to give myself post-hypnotic suggestions. They erased this...they tried to erase this, so I wouldn't be able to be hypnotised and tell what happened in the motor car...I just can't remember... they were very clever. I never went up to the machine, but I could see, through the beams, what went on inside and what it looked like...

Dr. O: How did it look, Peter? Tell me.

Inside the UFO

Peter: It had three levels. Bottom level...was the power unit...second level was...[*stumbled over words*] the engine...lev...room, rest centres...communications...living quarters. Top level was...complete flight deck...inter-astral control centre. Whole unit was linked by two vacuum shafts. One placed oneself in the tube and was deposited on the level indicated. Transportation around the interior of the craft was by vacuum suckle...vacuum suc...inside tu...inside the units. It was about 80 or 90 feet across, about 60 feet high. Maximum thrust was...well [*much now mumbled and indistinct*] ...horizontal planes from outer edge...lateral they went to [?] by thrust direct down, thrust direct up. They had a stabiliser unit to simulate both...in the laboratory section. This was... any humans who were taken up could be put into this unit and would simulate their surroundings completely...this is just an empty space, but using man's ability, or lack of knowledge, they could suggest what he wanted to see, or where he was.

The entities

Dr. O: What did they look like, Peter? How do they look in fact?

Peter: They looked how I wanted them to look. They looked like a duck then it looked like a duck; if it looked like a monster then it looked like a monster.

Dr. O: Have they any real form, any real form? These are all forms that you can imagine. Have they got any real form? Are they physical beings?

Peter: Physical.

Dr. O: They are physical beings?

Peter: Physical beings.

Dr. O: Have they got any steady form in which they are normally? Any form where they appear among themselves?

Peter: The ones that were in the car and the...spaceship, were all...that I could see. Identical in size, colour, looks, shape and weight.

Dr. O: And how did they look?

Peter: Same basic form as humans, with large trunks, necks, hairless, two arms, two legs [?].

Dr. O: Same [? genetic ?] organs as we have? Male or female?

Peter: No form of reproductive organs at all.

Dr. O: How do they multiply?

Peter: I don't know.

Dr. O: How...where do they come from?

Peter: Outer galaxies.

Dr. O: Which outer galaxies?

Peter: They didn't give any names...they just said... outer galaxies.

Dr. O: Are they friendly towards us...Earth beings?

Peter: Yes.

Dr. O: They are friendly. Then why don't they make direct contact to us if they possess these great powers?

Peter: Because there are two billion people who wouldn't understand them, wouldn't know how to approach them, look at them, see them, talk to them...

Dr O: Can't they make them understand?

Peter: No, because they'd have to change the world, and they don't want to do that.

Dr. O: Do they believe in God, Peter? Do they believe in God?

Peter: No God.

Dr. O: They don't believe in God?

Peter: No gods.

Dr. O: What do they believe in? Do they believe in infinite...believe in immortality?

Peter: They are extremely advanced.

Dr. O: Are they immortal?

Peter: No.

Dr. O: Are they mortals? Do they die, Peter?

Peter: Yes.

Dr. O: How long a time in our Earth time do they live?
Peter: ...I don't know.

Time travellers

Dr. O: How far can they travel, Peter? How fast? Can they travel faster than the speed of light?
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Peter: They travel by time, not by light.
Dr. O: They travel by time? What do you mean exactly by that?
Peter: They can travel on time...speed of light is too slow to cover billions of miles in seconds. If they want to go from point A to point B they have to come back in time to get to the Earth, so they send themselves back into time. They are time travellers, not space travellers.
Dr. O: How do they talk? Do they speak, or just communicate?
Peter: They...mentally...they know the English language perfectly, and they know every language, every language of the galaxies.
Dr. O: You want to say then that they have all knowledge of the Universe?
Peter: All knowledge of the Universe, but we, in the galaxies, are the size of a pinhead cut a billion times.
Dr. O: What world do they come from? Is it similar to ours? Is there oxygen?
Peter: They come from twelve planets of the Milky Way...and they don't fight. There are no wars, because they are about 2000 years ahead of Earth.
Dr. O: So it takes 2000 years for us to get there? [*Did the doctor misunderstand, and so get on the wrong tack?* – ED.]
Peter: 2000 light years.
Dr. O: What do they say, Peter, about Earth? Is it going to be peaceful? Are we going to survive?
Peter: They will change Earth the way they changed the pyramids. They changed the [?] wars. They changed everything by introducing their way of doing things.
Dr. O: How are they going to do it?
Peter: I don't know.

Infiltrators

Dr. O: Tell me, Peter, are there any of them among us, unnoticed?
Peter: Thousands [?].
Dr. O: They are among us?
Peter: They are clerks, typists, businessmen, university students, lecturers, dustbin cleaners...
Dr. O: Peter, if you want to make contact, and want knowledge from them, will they give it to us? Do they make contact if you want?
Peter: They make contact only when they want to. And by influencing others. They never do anything direct, on Earth...that would make them a figurehead, set them up as a centre of attraction. They're only influencers, the schemers, and directors of a person who would do it, and be given the [?] thing, which is praise. Humans survive on praise, and they give this to our... [*End of recording* –ED].

Charles Bowen writes: Well, that's that. It was a remarkable experience to listen to that recording. From what I have heard of the young couple speaking naturally, in their conscious states. and of Peter speaking from his subconscious, I feel that they had a very real and alarming experience. There is little doubt that Peter was aware how his car was taken over, and teleported, how the entity came down and sat beside Frances who had been put to sleep, and that he did see into something, perhaps a real, or a simulated spacecraft (note that he only uses that description, as opposed to 'UFO' or 'flying saucer,' when talking under hypnosis) and that it confused him somewhat. As for the rest of the account given under hypnosis, we must retain open minds. Was it the truth, or was it some 'spoof' history, the product of brainwashing by 'them'? The fact remains that the account bears not a little relationship to some of the 'messages' we have heard before. Readers, no doubt will already have spotted contradictions, like the one about the UFO entities having come from 'outer galaxies' and later from 'twelve planets of the Milky Way' (which to us is the innermost galaxy!). This, of course, does not mean that Peter did not have the story implanted in his subconscious by extraterrestrial, or other, agencies. Possibly it is all part and parcel of some long term control process. Consequently this case is very important, giving as it does a close insight into the possible meaning of contact

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Back to earth, and we learn from Mr. van Vlierden that the *Peugeot 404* has gone back to Rhodesia, as the import duty which would have been imposed by South African Customs would have been too high for Peter and Frances. The car was sold in Salsibury, so we understand, to an African lawyer who had no idea as to what happened to it in 1974.

When, in February, 1975, Peter and Frances did the reverse trip to Salisbury, nothing untoward happened.

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Postscript: It did seem that the tape recording ended abruptly, and I have since learned that there was a little more to it. Mr. van Vlierden has promised to send this, and a tape of another hypnotic session. CB.

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THE ANTHROPOMORPHIC PHENOMENA AT SANTA ISABEL–PART I

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AT the close of my last report[1] I referred to the curious phenomena at Santa Isabel, which I consider one of the best episodic sequences ever recorded of anthropomorphic manifestations that may well prove to be related to the UFO Problem.

The very scale of the events, the number of witnesses, and the reputation of the observations, have served, taken together, to nullify any rapid evaluation of the incidents. Scientific objectivity demanded a meticulous analysis such as would enable us to establish the degree of veracity to be attributed to them, even if this meant the risk of a considerable delay in publication of the affair.

After more than a year of personal work on the case and on interviews, we are now of the opinion that we have gathered together a surprising accumulation of previous data which serve as remarkable corroboration that, during the last week of September of 1972, occurrences of a nature that are outside the realm of common human understanding did indeed take place in the Ika-Renault Motor Plant at Santa Isabel, seven kilometres to the southeast of the city of Córdoba, in the Republic of Argentina.

A: The first anthropomorphic phenomenon

When the happenings at Santa Isabel first became known publicly through the testimony of two of the parties involved (Sr. Moreno and Sr. Rodriguez),[2] we set about contacting certain people in the management of the firm in question, with a view to getting them interested in the idea of a possible reconstruction of the events in situ.

In the course of our dealings with the firm, we learnt of an earlier incident, known only to the security personnel of the plant, owing to the confidential nature of the matter in view of the identity of the individual who happened to be involved in it.

In the home of Sr. Mario Bidosa (a senior employee of the firm, residing in the town of Alta Gracia, Córdoba) we arranged on October 12, 1972, a personal interview with the eyewitness in question, who lives on the outskirts of that town.

1. Personal details about the witness

This chance eyewitness of the first phenomenon was Sr. Teodoro Merlo, aged 56, an employee at the Santa Isabel Ika-Renault Plant, where he is in charge of the washrooms. He has not even had any primary education, though he does paintings and sculpture which show that he has a self-taught talent. He is very introvert. In the course of our interview with him, we were quite particularly struck by his extreme humility and his insistence that his experience should not be divulged. He also refused to let us take his photograph. His story contains no contradictions. At all times he spoke with complete confidence. He seems to us to be a sincere and honest person, indeed so much so that he does not consider his experience to be worth discussing.

2. The conditions in which the observation occurred

The phenomenon took place in a section of the plant. (See aerial photograph of same, and also see Fig. 1, which shows the lay-out.)

The date was September 21, 1972. At 5.40 a.m. Sr. Merlo set out for the washrooms of the pressing-shop (see location shown in Fig.1). The internal lay-out of the washrooms is shown in Fig.2.

He had personally locked both access-doors to the washrooms at 1.40 a.m. Although the works technical staff only come in at 7.30 a.m., the maintenance personnel (boilermen, cleaners, etc.) come in at 6.00 a.m., for which reason it is necessary to get the washrooms ready early.

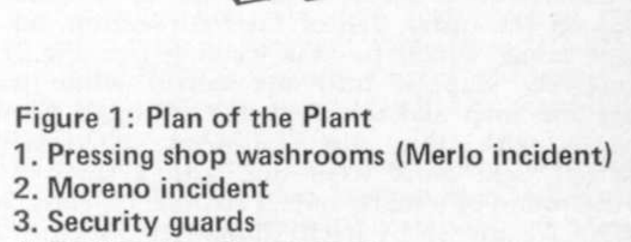
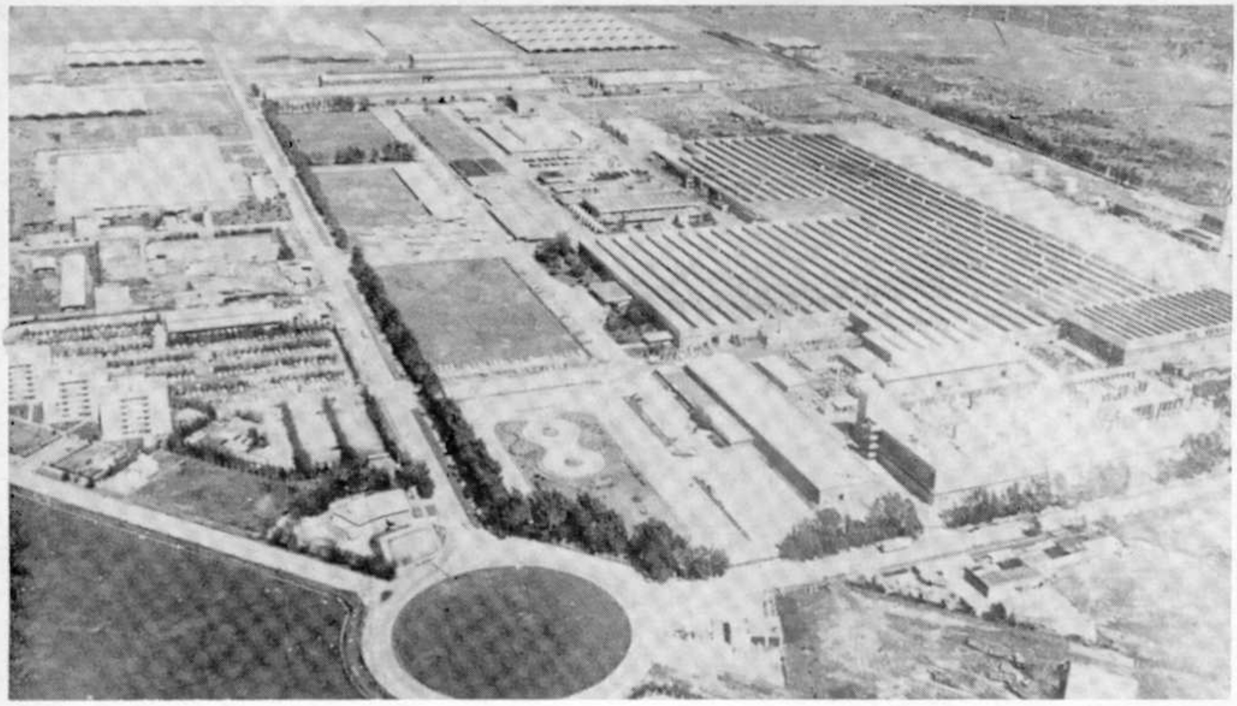


Figure 1: Plan of the Plant
1. Pressing shop washrooms (Merlo incident)
2. Moreno incident
3. Security guards
4. Engineering Department
5. Teletyping Department
6. Rodriguez incident



Left: Photograph 1
Ariel view of the
Ika-Renault works

Below right: Fig. 2
Plan of the wash-
room

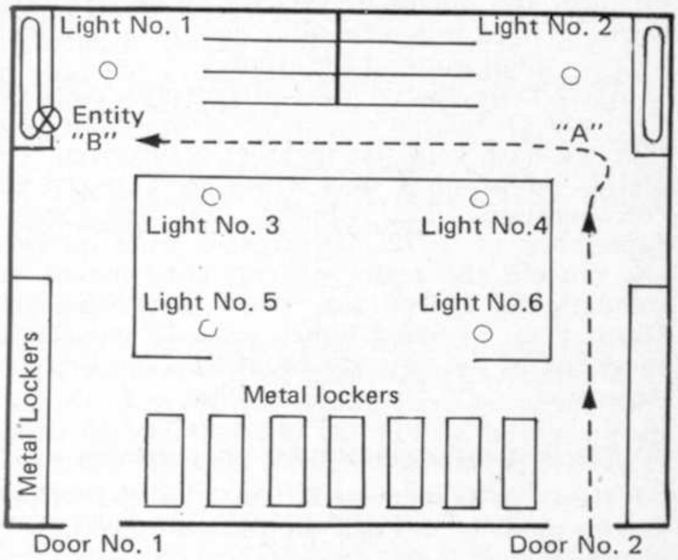
Before reaching the washrooms, Sr. Merlo switched on the inside lights of the building. (This is done by switches beside door No. 2.) The lights for the six showerbaths (lights 1 and 2 in Fig.2) are mercury gas lamps. Lights 3,4,5 and 6 are fluorescent tubes.

Having done that, he unlocked door No.2 with his key and walked quickly towards sector "A", to put some towels and soap there. (At that end of the building there are some long wash-basins or troughs.) As he did so, he noticed that light No.1 on his left was out, and that there was somebody sitting on one of the basins (sector "B"). He set down the soap and towels in sector "A" and then went to do the same in sector "B" (at a distance of some seven metres or so), at the same time thinking to himself that the presence of this intruder was rather strange, inasmuch as when he had shut the washrooms at 1.40 a.m. there was nobody in there.

It should be pointed out that the dividing walls between the six baths do not go up to the ceiling, but, for reasons of better air circulation, end at about 50 cm. from it. The position is much the same with the partitions of the shower-bath room. Due to this circumstance, sector "B" (despite the fact that for some inexplicable reason No.1 light was not on) was lit with a soft illumination from the lights of the other compartments.

Sr. Merlo went on in silence, and as he passed a mirror on the outer wall of the bath-section, on the passage along which he was walking (see Fig.2) he instinctively glanced into the mirror while transferring the soap and towels to his left hand. Simultaneously with this, the following phenomenon occurred: light No.2 went out with a sharp noise like the sound of a metal object striking on glass. And light No.1 came on by itself, illuminating sector "B", which enabled him to see that the entity had now disappeared.

Surprised by this curious manifestation, Sr. Merlo



went back quickly to sector "A" (where light no.2 had gone out), but found no trace of the intruder there. From there he had a full view of the passage leading to entrance no.2, but there was nothing strange to be seen there either. He ran back to sector "B" again, to see if the individual was trying to escape through entrance no.1. But that was locked. And so, too, as he checked for himself, was door no. 2. These are the only entrances to the washrooms. While it is true that these rooms have vents for air circulation, wide enough to permit the passage of a human body, these vents can only be opened or shut from inside the premises by means of a complicated mechanism that has to be turned. These vents were of course also closed. He carefully checked each of the sections of the washrooms, including the insides of the metal lockers. He found absolutely nothing.

3. Descriptions of the entity

Despite the lack of light in sector "B," Sr. Merlo

managed to see – at a distance of a mere three metres, and thanks to the illumination coming from the other lights nearby – several features of the entity. At the outset, the position of the phenomenon was as shown in Figure 3; with the right arm almost forming a right-angle to the dorsal region, the hand was applied to what would be the nasal appendage of the entity. The left arm was braced against the rim of the long wash-basin, and upon this rim the entity was seated. His right leg was extended and the left one drawn in, with the left foot planted firmly on the floor. (If one bears in mind the fact that the height of the washbasin from the floor is 90 cms., the intruder must have been very tall to be able to sit like that and rest the sole of the foot fully on the ground. As a result of our reconstruction of the scene we established that the height of the phenomenon must have been about 2m. 40 to 2m. 50.)

The clothing seemed to be in one piece, of a dull dark blue colour, very close-fitting to the body and tight at the wrists. The being gave an impression of solid robustness. The witness saw no boots or belt. The face and hands were bare. The fingers long and slender. The skin – as observed on both occasions – was very white, like plaster.

He gave the impression of being a living being and not just a puppet. The skull was large and rounded on the top. The witness saw no hair. The neck was thin and short. The ears, long and terminating in points, did not extend beyond the top of the head. The eyes were split, disposed horizontally, and were much bigger than the eyes of the Chinese. At the level of the cheeks the witness observed some vague marks or shadows. He could not see the nose and mouth very well.

4. Accompanying features of the sighting

a) The temperature in the area where the phenomenon occurred was considerably higher than in the other sectors of the premises.
b) The witness's eyes suffered irritation and began to weep frequently. (Duration of this feature: three days.)
c) A reddish spot occurred on the central part of the nasal pyramid, with persistent pain. (He still had this at the time of our interview with him.)
d) Repeated headaches. (Still occurring at the time of our interview).
e) Pains in the lumbar area. (This effect lasted some seven or eight days.)

5. Other changes which came after the sighting

i) Phenomenon of the Reflected Image

Sr. Merlo told nobody of his experience. He was much preoccupied with the problem of how the individual could have entered and left the washroom. Fearing that he might be blamed for some supposed negligence in this attention to his duties, he decided to keep quiet about it. He simply made an "identikit" drawing of the entity and then put it away carefully.

He went back to his home in Villa Oviedo (Alta Gracia) at 6.30 a.m. A few hours later, at 9.10 p.m. on the evening of the same day, September 21, he got on the bus which would once more take him to the Santa Isabel plant. He sat down on the third seat on the left, beside the window. There was a total of about 25 passengers.

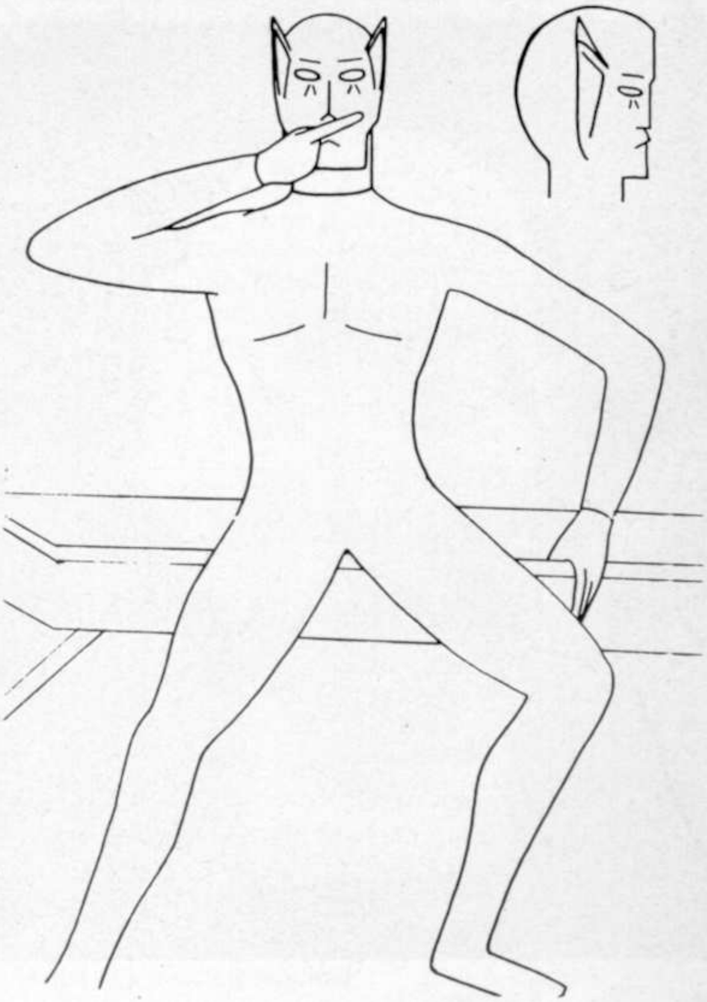


Figure 3. The entity as seen by Merlo on September 21, 1972

Above the windscreen, in the centre of the bus and slightly inclined, was the rear mirror for observing the aisle. It was oblong in shape, 46 cm by 26 cm (We checked these figures when we were doing a reconstruction of the affair.) The inside lights on the bus were off, except for the conductor's light over the platform. Suddenly, when the bus was passing Los Olivares, Sr. Merlo noticed that, clearly reflected in the mirror, there was a face similar to the face of the entity he had seen in the washroom; however this time he could see the features very clearly.

He looked round to see if there was anybody in the seat behind him who had features like those. There was merely a passenger there, slouched against the window. He was wearing a beret and was dozing with his arms crossed. In no way did he resemble the figure reflected in the mirror.

The features of the face in the mirror were identical with those of the phenomenon seen at 5.40 a.m., but in addition there were other details that he could now see more clearly. For example the mouth looked like a dog's mouth, with the upper lip protruding beyond the lower one. On both cheeks there were

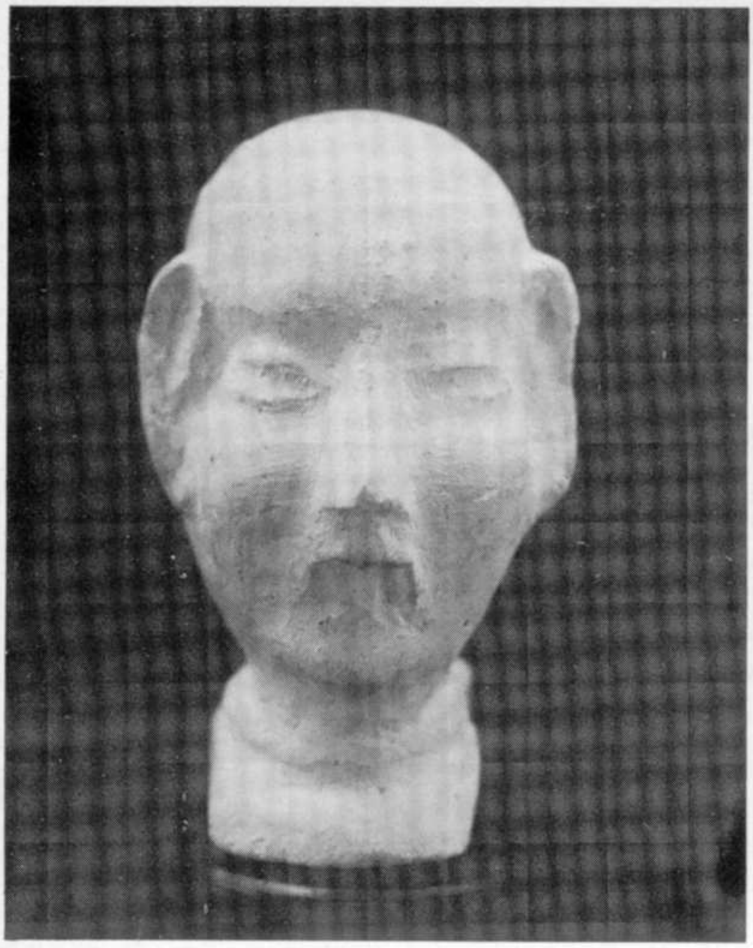


Photo 2. Head of the entity, modelled by Merlo the witness

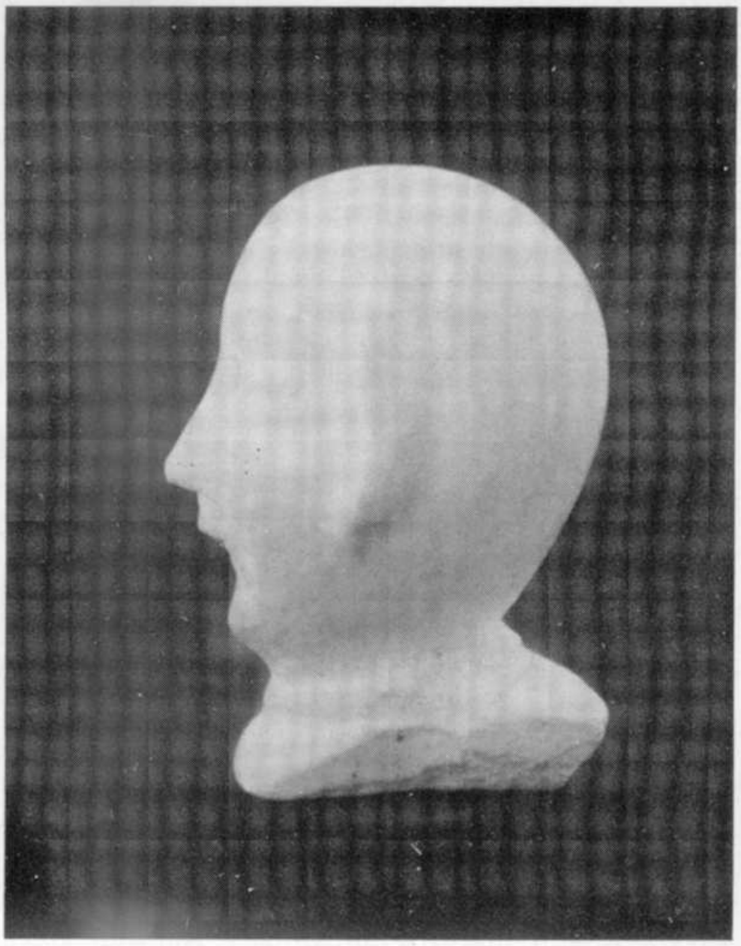


Photo 3. The head, as seen in profile

reddish-brown patches, and he could also see movements of the surface of the face and of the eyes. Beneath each eye there were two small dark converging lines, with the angles pointing up towards the eye sockets. The eyebrows were arched and thin, as though painted on. The eyes did not blink. The nose, triangular in appearance, had no fleshy areas and was straight.

After he had been observing it for some three minutes or so, the face vanished, hidden by a series of concentric circles. Once more, the mirror reflected the scene inside the bus, and he could now see in it the right ear of the driver and part of his neck, as well as the shoulder, arm, and part of the face of the first passenger in front. None of the other passengers seemed to have been aware of the phenomenon.

As soon as the bus arrived at the Santa Isabel plant (10.30 p.m.), Sr. Merlo immersed himself completely in his usual tasks. But, obsessed now by the phenomena he had experienced in such a brief period of a few hours, he decided, at 5.00 a.m. on September 22, to lodge a report about it with Sr. Romero, head of the plant's security section. He also gave him the "identikit" sketch, to which he had added, where appropriate, the further details gleaned from the mirror. (See photographs 2 and 3, which are of a head modelled by Merlo himself, and showing the features of the entity.)

The affair was kept secret and was known only to the security personnel. However, the witness himself does not believe that any importance was attached to it, since nobody troubled him for any further details regarding his report. The only person who spoke to him was Dr. Ignacio Castro Igarzabal, head of the Labour Relations Department. This was on October 10, and the purpose was merely to ask about certain aspects of the matter. But Dr. Igarzabal expressed no opinion about it.

ii) The Failure of Lights

At 2.00 a.m. on Monday, September 25, Sr. Merlo and a companion named Moyano were getting ready to take a look at the Pressing Shop washrooms, when they discovered that the lights in the washrooms were not working. Scared by this brush with the unknown, they shut the door and were afraid to go in again. However, some hours later, they tried the lights again and found that they came on without difficulty.

iii) The Stopping of Watches

On Monday, October 9, Sr. Merlo noticed, to his great surprise, that both his wristwatch and his alarm clock standing on the bedside table in his house at Villa Oviedo read 4.00 a.m., while a wall clock in an adjoining room showed 5.00 a.m., which in fact was

the correct time. Both his alarm clock and his wrist-watch had been set by him to the time shown on the wall clock. The witness is unable to say whether or not these happenings have any connexion with the anthropomorphic phenomena he had already experienced.

6. Comparative analysis

When we showed Teodoro Merlo a number of illustrations of humanoids, he insisted particularly upon the following details:–

a) Villa Santina Case[3]: the noses and mouths of these creatures tallied, he said, surprisingly closely with the noses and mouths of the phenomenon he had seen at Santa Isabel.

b) Kelly-Hopkinsville Case[4]: he said the ears bore no similarity whatever to what he had seen.

7. A tentative parapsychological interpretation of the reflection in the mirror

We are tempted to advance the hypothesis that the reflection in the mirror of the Santa Isabel entity was a phenomenon having parapsychological connotations.

We are thinking here of the possibility of verifying what is known technically as "retrocognitive telepathic suggestion." We will explain: telepathic suggestion consists of the paranormal induction of ideas or sensations from one person to another, and this is facilitated when the consciousness, be it of the agent or of the percipient, or of both simultaneously, is under the influence of some emotivity or is clouded. (Such as cases of the supposed apparition of "dead people," which can be scientifically explained by the telepathic projection of the image of the agent, such projection being favoured by the heightened emotivity and the agony and near-death condition of the latter.)[5]

In some episodes (retrocognitive telepathic suggestion), this suggestion occurs *with a time-lag,* though, as Richet points out, the length of the time-lapse between the occurrence itself and the warning (i.e. the perception) varies. Frederick Myers supposed that the telepathic impression is immediate (in these cases of apparent retrocognition) *but that the impression remains latent in the mind of the percipient, and only emerges into his consciousness after a certain interval of time.*

In the Merlo case, we think that this subconscious had registered the features of the phenomenon seen by him at Santa Isabel. The permanent state, of obsession with the affair, and of emotivity produced in him by the phenomenon, would then cause him to see it again with a delayed effect, but this time projected with the features that had engraved themselves upon his subconscious. (Telepathic suggestion is known to be facilitated by reflective surfaces, such as mirrors.)

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Six days later another strange phenomenon occurred, and it was only after this that the details of the Merlo case were made public. The new incident will be the subject of the second part of this article.

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STRANGE PHENOMENON AT PORTHCOTHAN BAY

Timothy Good

AN extraordinary aerial phenomenon was observed by my mother and another witness from her home at Porthcothan Bay, North Cornwall. It occurred at about 10.05 p.m. on the night of Saturday, July 7, 1973, and the following day my mother reported the sighting to me by telephone. This is her account of the observation, based on further correspondence and discussions:

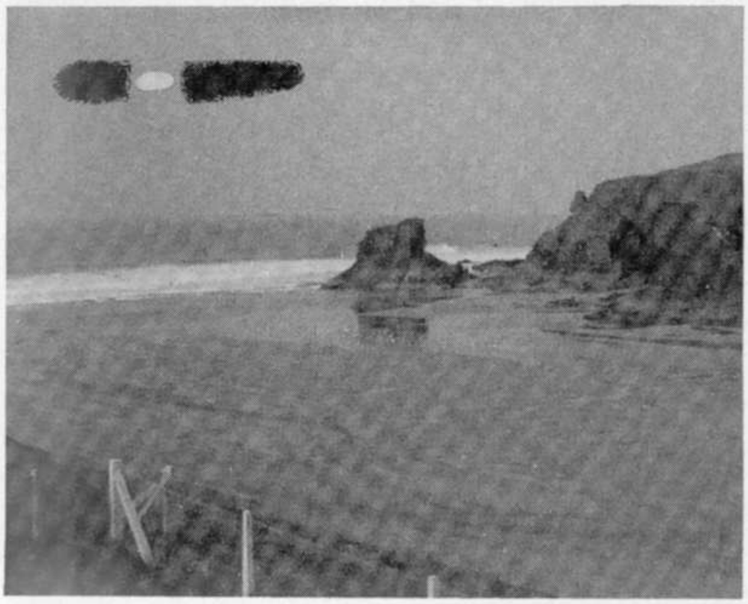
"I went to draw the curtains. There was a lovely sky of banded colours and some clouds. To my utter amazement I saw three stationary objects over the sea. One was a perfectly symmetrical disc, apparently reflecting the last of the evening sky, on each side of which was an extremely black object, roughly like a cigar in shape, but of indefinite outline (like a black furry caterpillar), that on the right being larger than the one on the left.

"While watching this phenomenon – too transfixed to alert my friends in the room – one of them joined me to see why I was still at the window. After a few minutes the disc was seen to enter or go behind the object on the left, and the two sped away out to sea at a fantastic speed. I had my eyes on it as one follows the path of a golf ball, until I could see it no longer. After a few more moments the object on the right also shot away, at the same speed, in the same horizontal position, and on the same trajectory, leaving absolutely no trace of smoke."

On behalf of my mother I wrote to the Officer Commanding, Royal Air Force, St. Mawgan, giving him details of the sighting as related to me by her. I commented that the only rational explanation I could think of was that of a rare type of temperature inversion, adding that I would be grateful if their Met. Office could ascertain whether the necessary atmospheric conditions prevailed at the time in question. I also enquired if any anomalous ground or airborne radar returns had been noted. The letter in reply, signed by the Flight Lieutenant for the Officer Commanding, had this to say:

"...Our check of the various operational and radar records revealed nothing out of the ordinary during the period in question. However, our Senior Meteorological Officer states that the Duty Officer on the evening of Saturday, July 7, did observe bright mock suns, and halo phenomena, which as you will know are produced by refraction of light through ice crystals which are present in cirrus clouds. The alert observer noted in the daily register the following technical remarks:

" 'Two bright mock suns, partial 22° halo, part parhelic circle from both mock suns, upper circumzenithal arc of contact to 22° halo. Further mock sun to left of primary and 120° from it on parhelic circle.' "



Daytime photograph by Mrs. Good, showing view from window with a drawing of the object superimposed in the position it was seen

"The Senior Meteorological Officer was unable to comment on the "flight path comments" or the alleged disappearance into the distance at a phenomenal speed. It is, however, in little doubt that what your mother saw was the vivid mock suns.

"It is hoped that this information will be of some assistance to you in dispelling your mother's apprehension."

My mother was highly dissatisfied with the above explanation – and she hadn't been at all apprehensive. However, I subsequently managed to establish by further communication with the RAF at St. Mawgan that the Duty Officer had actually observed the mock suns *one to two hours prior* to my mother's sighting. I also ascertained that the relevant information in this report was forwarded to the appropriate authorities at the Ministry of Defence.

My mother is certain that the phenomenon must have been seen by many over a considerable stretch of coast. Unfortunately, a letter she wrote to the *Western Morning News* was not published and it would be difficult to track down other witnesses to the event. I checked with the local Coastguards, but their log book contained no record of anything unusual that night.

As a postscript, I should like to add that my mother had a further sighting about ten days later, at 3.30 a.m. A stationary reddish-orange sphere, two-thirds the diameter of the moon, was seen; it had disappeared when she returned from fetching binoculars.

A NEW FRENCH HUMANOID CASE OF 1954

J. Chasseigne

This case was reported in Lumières dans la Nuit, No. 126 (June/July 1973). Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton.

THIS sighting took place in the spring of 1954. The exact date is not known, but the eyewitness, Monsieur B–, is able to give the precise time – 2.40 a.m. The site was near a small town on the Côte d'Azur, in one of the little valleys which open out to the Mediterranean Sea.

I am satisfied as to the total sincerity and honesty of the eyewitness, who however insists upon anonymity – which is not surprising in view of the extraordinary nature of his experience.

He was returning home on foot along a small path. Although it was night time, there was some degree of visibility. Suddenly he heard a noise, like the sound of a hammer striking an anvil. And a few seconds later, when he had gone a further distance of 20-25 metres, he heard a voice.

He could see no lights anywhere around, but the area was by no means an entirely isolated one, so at first he assumed that the sounds had come from the house nearby. He continued on his way till he encountered a fall of earth blocking the path. Here he stepped aside to carry on homewards along another route leading across a piece of private property which he entered through an old wooden gate. He now found himself on a terrace bordered by a dry stone wall. This is a terrace of the type frequently encountered in the South of France and used for the cultivation of olives, orange trees and so on. Proceeding a few metres he went down a short flight of stone steps, in order to carry on his journey along the terrace below.

And here he had his strange and agonizing adventure.

For, scarcely was he down the flight of steps, when he beheld a stupefying sight. Before him, scarcely 10 metres from him, a brilliant, luminous object was standing on the ground. It was a disc-shaped craft, its upper part more curved, and with a small dome set in its centre.

The left-hand side of the craft was shining like gold. He estimates its diameter to have been about 5 metres and the depth of it at the centre about 1.20 metres. It was suspended at a height of about one metre above the ground, but he cannot now recall whether or not it was standing on legs.

To the left of the object stood a being, about 1.6 m. in height, and of very slim and harmonious proportions. This being gave Monsieur B– a feeling of perfect harmony, indeed of sympathy. The being was wearing a very tightly-fitting one-piece suit which included the head. (Monsieur B– will swear to these details of the suit, on which he is very clear.) The suit shone with a white glow – "like a crushed firefly," as Monsieur B– described it – and this leads us to conclude that the suit was most probably phosphorescent.

The entity had his back to Monsieur B–, but turned round as he approached and made a movement of surprise when he caught sight of Monsieur B–. The entity had a sort of veil in front of his face. Starting from the forehead, it ended at the level of the chin, and it was of the same colour as the one-piece suit. There was a bulge in the veil at that level where we would expect the nose to be.

The being pronounced a few words at this point to a second personage whom Monsieur B– had not noticed until then. The words exchanged were of course unintelligible to the witness, but he says that they seemed to be in a clearly and precisely articulated language.

This second being was smaller than the first, his proportions being less harmonious and his head rather bigger. He was clad in the same garb and had the same veil over his face. On his abdomen he was wearing something, and as he turned round he put both hands to this object, which Monsieur B– thought resembled a pocket torch. He took a step forward and immediately a beam of white light shot out of this object and Monsieur B– found himself becoming progressively more severely paralyzed, while at the same time the light emitted from the object held by the entity grew until the funnel of the beam was square-shaped, 20cm. x 20cm. The light was as white as the light of a torch.

By now the paralyzed Monsieur B– was no longer capable of any movement, but he could still see and hear, though with a good deal of difficulty. He also felt difficulty in breathing. Entity No. 2 said something very brief to entity No. 1, and then came over to Monsieur B– as though to ascertain the precise effect of the luminous beam upon him, and doubtless the degree of the accompanying paralysis.

The two entities exchanged a few further words, but No. 1 appeared to Monsieur B– to display no signs of aggressiveness, while No. 2, having seemingly checked up on Monsieur B–'s condition also seemed to be "more relaxed." For he now came closer, to a distance of only some 60 cm. or so from Monsieur B–'s head. The latter was now able to gauge that the top of entity No. 2's head came up to the level of his own neck, which gives us a pretty fair

indication of the entity's height, namely 1.45 or 1.46 metres.

Then entity No. 2 raised his veil, with his left hand, and raised his head towards Monsieur B–, seemingly purposely, so that the latter might have a clear view of his face. He was wearing a horrible grin, his parted lips showing all his teeth. And with his right hand he gestured as though inviting Monsieur B– to take a good look at his face.

I do not know whether this detail is important or not, but the memory of the scene has remained faithfully etched in every detail in the memory of the eyewitness, who felt something altogether pathetic, perhaps even despairing, in it.

Personage No. 2 now dropped his veil, which fell back over his face and then with both arms he twice made what seemed to be eloquent gestures as if urging the witness to follow him. At the second gesture, the invitation seemed to Monsieur B– to be even more pressing, with some degree of irritation. But no attempt was made to carry him off.

At that moment, entity No. 1, who seemed to be the leader, intervened, and No. 2 at once calmed down. The two beings then turned around and calmly walked back to their machine, and got up on to the top of it, not without some difficulty indeed, and helping each other, the one pulling and the other pushing.

Monsieur B– watched them vanish into the machine although he was unable to make out precisely where. He saw no opening on it, but he did hear a dull sound as of something metallic being closed. Shortly after that, he heard another soft noise, like the sound of a hand being pressed over a sheet of corrugated iron. After that he remembers nothing, for he lost consciousness.

Description of the face of entity No. 2

The forehead was very high and very wide. The cheekbones also were high. The chin was pointed and quite pronounced. The nose was very thin and of the "eagle's beak" type. The lips were very thin. The teeth white and regular. Wispy beard on the right cheekbone. The skin was dark coloured (Mediterranean type).

The witness did not see the entity's hair, if any, as this was concealed by the one-piece suit which, as already mentioned, covered the head.

The eyes were set slightly further apart than on a normal human face, and seemingly had eyelids. The witness recalls however seeing no eyelashes or eyebrows, though, of course, this is not to say that they were absent. The shape of the eyes was not very different from that of normal eyes, though perhaps of slightly "Asiatic" type. They were larger and more globular than our eyes.

At first glance it had seemed to the witness that the personage possessed no eyes, but simply holes in the eyesockets. Then he noticed a white globe in the eyesocket. This white globe had no iris and no pupil. Was this what the being had wanted to show? We shall never know.

It was a horrible sight to look at and Monsieur B–, eighteen years later, still never speaks of it without intense emotion. From that left eye of the entity was rolling a large tear of a thick, brown liquid, which ran down as far as the corner of the lips.

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When Monsieur B– had come to his senses again, the machine was no longer right there in front of him, but was now at a height of some 10 metres from the ground, and about 50-70 metres distant from him. It was spinning anti-clockwise, making a faint noise like the sound of a fan. The shape of the craft was moreover now totally different from what he had observed when it was on the ground. The machine was now edge-on to him, and he recalls its precise details.

On its upper outer periphery the machine had three or four ripples resembling stiffeners. At half the radius there was the smaller bulge, and then in the centre on top came the second and larger bulge, which was apparently the cabin. The two illuminated portholes were on one of the two bulges, or maybe on both. The witness's memory is vague on this point. Monsieur B– had the impression that the central cabin was not rotating at the same rate as the machine itself. Moreover, it seemed to him that someone was watching him from behind one of the portholes, and the person doing the watching had no veil over his face.

By this time the craft was no longer shining; it was grey, but still very clearly outlined. At ground-level an indefinable smell remained, which however speedily vanished. Then came a powerful flash which lit up the whole contryside around like a rocket in a firework display, and the machine took on a gilded hue, indeed just as though made of gold, and with an orange halo around it. At once it started to rise spirally, reaching a height which he estimated at 500 or 600 metres in just four or five seconds. Then it halted again, remained stationary for a few seconds, and finally moved off horizontally, slowly at first, emitting a few sparks. Then, as it accelerated, the sparks increased. As it reached a very high speed and vanished it left a long trail of sparks behind it.

Monsieur B– arrived home pretty shaken. He told his wife he had seen something extraordinary, but gave her no details. Next day, he went back over the same route, not without some apprehension, and he did not dare to go right to the actual site of the landing, though he was able to see for himself that the greensward there was all trampled and flattened.

He has never given this information to anybody before. For, whenever in the course of conversation with friends he had touched, be it ever so vaguely upon the periphery of his experience, their prompt and first reactions had sufficed to show him precisely what sort of reception awaited him were he to proceed any further and give details.

This repressed secret has weighed heavily upon him over the years, and he has felt great need to share his experience with someone else. I thank him for the trust he has placed in us and I give him our assurance that his anonymity shall be respected.

THE CORPSE THAT NEVER ATTENDED THE FUNERAL

Charles Bowen

SOBER and informative, an excellent new book, **The UFO Controversy in America,** by David Michael Jacobs (Indiana University Press, Bloomington, Indiana 47401, 360 pages, price $12.50) has already achieved a measure of fame by being the first book to be published by an Academic Press which, after a fair and sound presentation of the case, is seen to be *for* the subject. The book will no doubt achieve further well-merited fame as the first definitive historical text on the subject, although I am sure that it was never Dr. Jacobs' intention that it should be that.

The foreword is by Dr. J. Allen Hynek who, as would be expected, features prominently in a work which puts into perspective the developing scene of the phenomenon of the UFO in the United States. Dr. Hynek points out the parallels between the UFO phenomenon, "which has never been properly presented at the Court of Science," and that of meteorites, stones from the sky which were so often "reported by peasants." He remarks that most of the observers of UFOs have been anything but untutored peasants, but "...the data on the UFO phenomenon have had to run an insidious gauntlet that meteorites were spared," for meteorites "did not become the fabric of cultists and pseudo-religious aberrants." In other words meteorites were never regarded as sent by would-be reformers of erring mankind, and no-one ever claimed to have ridden on one to Venus, as has happened in the UFO phenomenon. So, says Dr. Hynek, when the Condon Report dismissed the entire subject as unworthy of scientific attention, and gave it a $500,000 burial, there was an audible sigh of relief in scientific circles. Yet "...it turned out that the corpse had not even attended the funeral."

Dr. Jacobs is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Nebraska (his dissertation for his PhD at the University of Wisconsin was on the topic of the UFO controversy in the United States). He was permitted to research previously inaccessible US Air Force documents, and he conducted a number of other important interviews in his preparations for this book. He traces the history of the subject in North America from 1896/97 through to 1974, and, as his title declares, his book is about controversy. So he dwells on the various deliberate attempts – which stemmed from the secret report of the Robertson Committee, and especially its notorious "debunking" clause, in January 1953 – to kill off the subject. Attempts which crystallized in the late Dr. Edward U. Condon's Colorado University project (1966-68) and its peculiar Report issued in January 1969. And although interest in the subject fell away considerably, and its devotees in the amateur clubs and groups took a hammering, the UFOs came bouncing back, and public interest soared in 1974. The "corpse" which had missed the obsequies, showed itself to be as vigorous as ever it had been.

For me the reading of this book was at once a nostalgic exercise and a hair-raising experience. Quickly through the 1896/97 chapter – quickly, only because many of the reports had re-awakened, after 70 years in the archives, in the pages of *Flying Saucer Review,* thanks to the researches of Jerome Clark, Lucius Farish and Dr. Jacques Vallée – and one is back in those exciting days of the 1947 wave. From there on one re-acquaints ones-self with Captain Ruppelt, Projects Sign, Grudge (so aptly named!) and the birth of Project Blue Book; with that enthusiastic journalist and retired U.S. Marine officer, Donald Keyhoe, the heady days of the great 1952 wave, and the hopes that existed then of being contemporary with possibly momentous discoveries. Then, as we well recall, everything went off the boil, and the subject turned sour on us. This happened later here in England than in the States, for even FSR in its early days carried items from the Services – due I realise now, to the influence of Derek Dempster, its first editor. Years later Waveney Girvan and I often pondered the problem: "When did the official 'clamp' go on?" We knew nothing of the Robertson Committee's secret recommendations, and speculated that clamp-down year was 1954.

The late Dr. James E. McDonald revealed to the world the existence of the historic hitherto unknown clause in which the call went out to the U.S. Services to "debunk all flying saucer reports." McDonald discovered the clause twelve years later, after the report had been routinely de-classified, and it was immediately put back on the secret list. The Arizona University professor's view was that the controversial clause was necessary because the enormous volume of 1952 reports had clogged intelligence channels at the time of the Korean War. Jacobs has shown that not only was this true, but also that "...the reports [of UFOs] could make the public vulnerable to 'possible enemy psychological warfare' by cultivating a 'morbid national psychology in which skillful hostile propaganda could induce hysterical behaviour and harmful distrust of duly constituted authority.' " In other words it was the UFO *reports* and not the UFOs that were considered to be the danger. That is the point, I feel, on which Dr. Jacobs bases the whole of his study. As he observes: "The real enemy had been identified. The battle was joined."

Which is where my personal "hair-raising" experience began, for even at this distance in time the injustices that were perpetrated make my hackles rise, for without a shadow of doubt the

practices over there quickly found their official ways over here. It appears that the panel even recommended that the existing amateur groups of UFO researchers and devotees be put under surveillance as security risks. And so began the years of official ridicule of witnesses – and of researchers – and of the character assassination, the deliberate destruction of reputations of honest folk whose only crime was to report something they saw that puzzled them. There have even been cases where professional folk with an interest in the subject have been deliberately and publicly ridiculed by opponents in their fields, so that their reputations have been destroyed. Small wonder there have been suicides.

In recent months we have heard much of the "dirty tricks" brigades. It seems similar methods were operated on the UFO scene. For example, when Keyhoe obtained details of cases from Project Blue Book for use in a book he was writing *(Flying Saucers from Outer Space)* an excerpt was due to be published in *Look* magazine. The Air Force, says Dr. Jacobs, pressured *Look* into publishing a disclaimer in the same issue, and to include parenthetical remarks disputing points throughout the article and so completely destroying its impact.

And so the sordid story went on, with the "fiddling" of methods of "identification" to reduce drastically the percentage of unknowns, with the arrival of AFR 200-2 to regularize investigation and reporting, and JANAP 146 to make the release to the public, by members of the Services, of UFO reports, a criminal matter. (The Air Force gave the FBI names of UFO-interested individuals who were "illegally or deceptively bringing the subject to public attention.") These times also saw the birth and rise, on the civil front, of NICAP (APRO was already in existence, and no doubt under surveillance) of which Donald Keyhoe eventually became director.

The years rolled by, and the U.S. Air Force remained bitterly engaged in the "Great Keyhoe War" and seemingly losing sight of the reason why their security clamp had gone on. The "political adventurist" (U.S.A.F. description) Keyhoe left no stone unturned in attempts to get Congressional Hearings about Air Force secrecy, and its handling of the UFO programme; the Air Force, fearful of its Public Relations image, and for its secret files, moved heaven and earth to thwart him.

Meanwhile UFOs were still reported, and in growing numbers, particularly during the period 1964 to 1966, with the Socorro case "liberalising NICAP" (they at last conceded that there might be UFO occupants) and completing Air Force Scientific Consultant Hynek's 180° turn from scepticism to acceptance of the subject. By 1966/67 the Air Force could no longer side-step Congressional Hearings and symposia, but it saw its chance with the setting up of the Condon Commission (the excuse being to report on the UFO problem; the reason being that it wanted to shed its responsibility for the troublesome UFO burden). For Keyhoe it was a hollow victory.

What now? The UFOs, as Dr. Jacobs demonstrates in his final chapter, are still with us. Some of the groups still soldier on, although NICAP, having burnt up its energies in the great struggle, is but a shadow of its former self. Gratifyingly there is a gradual emergence of scientific interest and involvement in the reports, with an enfranchised Hynek, the survivor, emerging unscathed and now leading the way with his institute, the Center for UFO Studies. Also the AIAA is involved and the AAAS too (how Condon blasted them for putting on a UFO symposium: "the UFO buffs are a slippery lot, and do a great deal by 'insinuendo' " – etc., etc.).

A thoroughly readable book, with a mass of detail that is new and revealing (among the many stories I recommend that of the CIA man who saw a UFO during the investigation of a psychic witness, and of what happened to him), about the officially provoked, and establishment-condoned in-fighting, that went on for the best part of 20 years.

I know Dr. Jacobs' book is about the *American* controversy, but I do feel he has not stressed sufficiently the fact that UFOs are a global phenomenon, and that the American reports are but a fraction of the whole. Let us hope that when academic communities new to the subject venture into the book, as some of them must, they will not conclude that the subject is after all just another American parochial oddity. In the past this has been an argument used with some effect against the need for serious scientific study of the subject, an argument that is obviously discounted by the volume of world-wide UFO reports.

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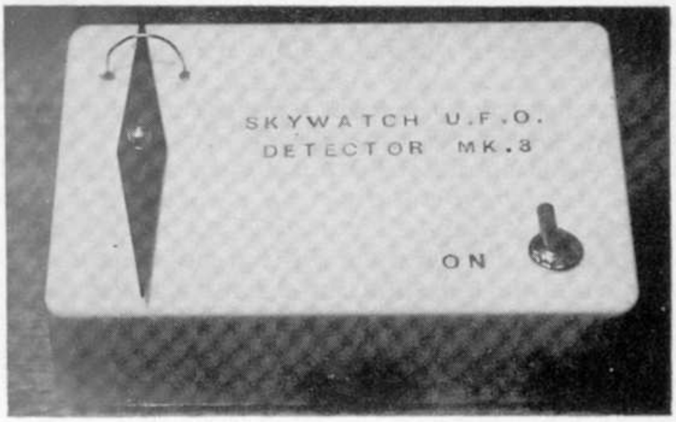

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ALLEGED KIDNAPPINGS, AND OTHER MATTERS

Gordon Creighton

WE are indebted to Dr. W. Buhler for more press-clippings concerning the UFO scene in Brazil. Our thanks also to Monsieur Jean Bastide of Aix-en-Provence, France, for sending us details of the first case.

Catanduva

Catanduva, a small inland Brazilian town lying to the north-west of Sao Paulo, has figured in more than one extraordinary recent report. The following account is condensed from the newspaper *O Estado de São Paulo* of May 18, 1973.

At half-past-four in the early hours of Monday, May 14, 1973, Sr. Inocêncio Correa, manager of the Cecat factory, which manufactures concrete posts and blocks, went out as usual, with his wife Dona Dolores and their daughter Maria-Cristina, to the cow-shed to milk the cows. Their *fazenda*, the "Tres Marias," lies beside the Washington Luís Highway, a few kilometres from Catanduva. The Cecat plant is near by.

The daughter was the first to catch sight of a strange object about 300 metres from them, on the other side of the road. Our press-clipping describes this object as "different from the so-called 'flying saucers.' " The upper portion of the thing resembled an open parachute, while the under-part is described as being like the body of an airplane, but without wings. Its size was about the size of a passenger car. The colour was dark, and it showed no lights, but it made a noise that sounded like a ventilator.

The girl shouted to her parents that a low-flying craft was approaching. They could not believe this, for at that hour of the early morning there are never any aircraft in that vicinity, and certainly none likely to be landing there. However, as the girl insisted, the mother came out to take a look. Then, terrified, both women ran and hid in a heap of hay. The father then came out of the cowshed, and he was the only one who secured a close view of the machine. It was no more than 30 metres from him, over an open piece of ground which is used as a football-pitch. It remained there, at a height of some 50 metres for at least five minutes, and possibly a little longer. As it hovered there it seemed to be making a rocking motion.

Sr. Correa, who once worked for three years as an employee of the local Catanduva Aero-Club and is familiar with aircraft, told press reporters that the object could not possibly have been a helicopter, balloon, or light aircraft.

He watched it vanish, finally, at high speed towards the west.

On the Belém-Brasília highway

Our next report is take from *O Dia* (Rio de Janeiro) of July, 1974. The news item was headlined A BAD LANDING and HIT ON THE ROAD BY A FLYING SAUCER.

The doctors on duty at the municipal casualty post in Belém thought at first that the body injuries presented by the farm labourer José Nobre Uchôa were simply the result of just another traffic accident. But when he began to describe how the wounds were caused "by the lack of skill of the pilots of a flying saucer who perpetrated a flight error," the doctors didn't know what to say about it!

The farm-worker had been found lying beside the road, unconscious, and with various injuries. As his condition was serious, he was taken in to Belém. So far as the doctors there were concerned, the "nasty tumble" taken by José was indeed due to a blow – but to a blow from a car, which gave him a powerful bang on the head and affected his brain.

But José Uchôa continues to insist upon the truthfulness of his fantastic story and bemoans the lack of skill of the strange beings which stopped him from paying a visit aboard a flying saucer.

José, who lives near Kilometre 48 on the Belém-Brasília Highway, says that he was in his house one night "...when two strangely dressed men appeared, wearing a reddish, luminous garb. They asked me if I was interested in seeing a flying saucer. I didn't know at first what to do, but in the end I accepted.

"The men asked me to walk along the highway next day at a certain time."

As arranged, José began walking along the Belém-Brasília Highway on the day and at the time fixed, but was run over.

Says he: "It can only have been an error in calculation when those queer men tried to land on the road.

"Just at that moment, as I was going along, I saw a light right ahead of me and then came that violent bang on my body which threw me on to the side of the road. Then they went off, fearing that something had happened. And me – I went to complain to the Police."

Underwater Bases?

According to a report published in *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro on July 12, 1974, a flying saucer was seen to drop into the sea off the coast of southern Brazil on June 18, 1974. The report, from the Florianópolis representative of the paper, is as follows:

"A strange metallic object flew around over the sea off the State of Santa Catarina. It was at a distance of some thousand metres or so from the shore at Navegantes, a place 100 km. distant from Florianópolis. After hovering for some six minutes above the sea, it veered at a 90° angle towards the beach and then dropped into the water.

"The fisherman Avelino Severiano Generosa, aged 46, at once put out in his motor-launch to the area, but found only foam on the sea where the object had disappeared. In addition to him, there were twenty other people on the beach who also saw the object, but all the others took fright and he was the only one who had the courage to go and see what was happening.

"The occurrence took place on the afternoon of June 18, and is still the subject of much discussion in the small municipality of Navegantes. Celso Lemkuni, a diver, tried to make a dive last week with a view to locating the object, but had no success owing to the strong winds lashing the coast.

"Giving details, the fisherman Avelino said that it was at 3.30 p.m. on a sunny afternoon. He and his parents, his wife, and his nine children were all on the beach when they suddenly saw the silent, brightly shining object flying very low along the shore. Then, after remaining stationary for six minutes, it dropped into the sea.

Alleged Kidnapping by UFOs in same area

From papers published in the adjacent State of Paraná come two press-reports about disturbing events.

According to the Curitiba newspapers *Diário Popular* and *Diário de Tarde* of September 3, 1974, another fisherman of the town of Navegantes has gone to the Police with an alarming story. He is Antônio de Azevedo, and he says that, on the night of Saturday, August 31, 1974, he and his wife Francisca Guimarães de Azevedo were strolling along the beach near the fishing port, when they saw a disc-shaped object in the sky, giving off lights of various colours. At first they thought it might be an ordinary aircraft, as the Santa Catarina International Airport is close by, right at Navegantes. But this was not a time of the day when any flights normally took place, and moreover the object in the sky emitted no sound whatever. Indeed when they first caught sight of it they had simply thought it was a shooting star.

However, all doubt about the matter was rapidly dispelled, for the strange craft landed close beside them, and they were now able to see that in shape it resembled two plates with the rims stuck together.

The vivid lights given off by the object temporarily "paralyzed" him and his wife. Then they saw emerging from the disc three strange short beings wearing weird greenish spacesuits. He was unable to see their faces, which seemed to reflect the green colour of their clothes. Despite the sensation of being totally immobilised, the fisherman said that he was in complete possession of all his faculties, and

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A NOTE ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF STELLA LANSING

I. Grattan-Guinness

THE extensive researches by Dr. Berthold E. Schwarz on Mrs. Lansing have brought to our attention another significant witness of paranormal experiences. A notable feature of this select group is that each of its members appears to have characteristics or 'finger-prints' of his or her own. Mrs. Lansing's specialism seems to be her ability both to experience UFO sightings of fairly orthodox kinds (whatever that orthodoxy might be) and also to impress images, especially the 'clocklike' formations, on to photographic film after the manner of the psychic photographers. In this respect she lends weight to the growing opinion that the varying and apparently disparate classes of paranormal experiences in fact may be examples of a more general but unified ability.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Lansing last September at Dr. Schwarz's house, and of discussing at length her experiences and seeing a considerable number of her films. In passing I may record how very impressive I found her sincerity, and her devotion to the exercise of her powers. One of the principal purposes of our discussions was to choose a representative selection of the films for a private showing at the Schwarz house one evening. After the showing we went out with Dr. Schwarz and his friend the inventor Donald Selwyn into the garden above his house. The purpose was to test out a mechanical device which Mr. Selwyn was developing to allow Mrs. Lansing to film with two cameras simultaneously. I was also borrowing a camera during our stay to film anything that she filmed at the same time. Dr. Schwarz has written to tell me that (as usual) Mrs. Lansing obtained non-orthodox images through her cameras, although Mr. Selwyn had deliberately though silently rendered one of them visually inoperable by placing a magnifying lens over its objective. But Dr. Schwarz also says that I obtained image with the camera I used that evening, so her power seems sometimes to be transferable to others who are in her company; Dr. Schwarz's son Eric has also obtained the 'clocklike' formation in her presence.

At one moment during our evening's filming, while Dr. Schwarz and Mr. Selwyn were in conversation a few feet away, both Mrs. Lansing and I saw a UFO. A light, which we had already filmed as a star, suddenly moved silently and rapidly in a shallowly descending path behind Dr. Schwarz's house. Unfortunately we have no record of the sighting for Mrs. Lansing had no premonition of its occurrence. But we both reacted simultaneously and spontaneously to it, and described it in exactly the same detail afterwards. Although the motion was rapid, it was slow enough for me to notice its slightly oscillatory character. It was nothing like the motion of a meteor or a falling star, for the object neither left trail nor followed a conical path.

In themselves the film images and the sighting are of no particular significance; but the circumstances of their occurrence render them of considerable interest. I have never obtained unusual imagery on film or seen a strange light in the sky before, and I have no doubt that Stella's presence alongside me had something to do with them.

Notes and References:

We regret that owing to an oversight on our part, the following footnotes were omitted from Dr. Schwarz's article, "Stella Lansing's Clocklike UFO Patterns" – Part 4, which appeared in our last issue:–

25 Wuenschel, E.A.: *Self-Portrait of Christ: The Holy Shroud of Turin,* Holy Shroud Gild, Esopus, N.Y., 1953.

26 Donald Selwyn is familiar with photographic equipment and has invented many visual aids, in addition to his other devices, for the handicapped. (See "So the Near-Blind Can Better See," *World Medical News,* Sept. 7, 1973, pp. 67-68.)

27 See "UFOs: Delusion or Dilemma?" in BEYOND CONDON, *Flying Saucer Review,* Special Issue No. 2, June, 1969, pp. 47-49.

28 In searching for the proverbial needle in the haystack, nothing should escape scrutiny. If Mrs. Lansing, or some force acting through her, can influence photosensitive dyes or silver salts on film to yield pictures of intelligent-appearing structure and colour, then why not influence TV, audio-videotapes, or, for that matter, why stop at any possibilities? It is of interest that Joseph Dunninger has shown me drawerfuls of wrist watches. He could never wear a wristwatch (or pocket watch) for long without its failing for some inexplicable (to Dunninger and the jewellers) reason. When Mrs. Lansing was asked about wrist watches, she – without knowing of Dunninger – had had similar experiences.

29 See "Television Flicker: More than Meets the Eye," in *World Medical News,* Jan.18, 1963, pp. 64-65.

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heard the beings talking together in their strange language. They rapidly examined the fisherman and his wife, then seized the wife and led her off with them into the saucer, which took off at incredible speed and vanished.

The Police professed to regard the fisherman's story as dubious and to consider him mentally deranged. But owing to a strange coincidence they are investigating the affair more seriously. For it so happens that, two months ago, a precisely similar incident took place. This was at the beginning of July 1974, when another fisherman's wife was also said to have been abducted by the crew of a flying saucer. The details of the affair were just the same, and it also occurred at Navegantes. The fisherman, very well known and highly regarded locally, goes by the nickname of "Boca-de-Traira." He is still searching for his missing wife.

THE MYSTERIOUS "UMMO" AFFAIR–PART4

Antonio Ribera

Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

THIS part contains a further selection of the remarkable UMMO documents which were sent to selected recipients in various parts of the world by beings, allegedly extraterrestrial, who said they had journeyed from the planet UMMO to Earth, where they landed in France, at La Javie, in the Department of the Basses Alpes in 1950.

[*New readers of FSR are strongly recommended to obtain and read the first three parts of this article – in FSR Vol.20, Nos. 4 and 5, and Vol.21, No.1 – as without them they will be unable to pick up the thread of these strange events and communications*– EDITOR].

Our EAAIODI GOO (Ontological Bases)

"Since you, Senor Ribera Jorda, are not a specialist in EARTH philosophy, we shall try to use a more familiar and more comprehensible terminology, with a vocabulary having affinity with this discipline.

"The problem of 'BEING', such as it has been regarded by the thinkers of EARTH, received a radically different formulation on UMMO. Our forebears did not doubt for one moment as to reality external to one's own conscience. "Things" *existed* for them "outside of me," but their real essence was masked for us by the codification of our sensorial channels. This principle remained a constant, until such time as new forms of dialectic enriched the original schematology.

"A synthesis of our present-day EAYODI GOO (Ontology) could be formulated as follows:

"It is not possible to define the concept of BEING in a primary state. 'FOR-ME', who am pure consciousness of my IGIO UALEEXII (I) and of the 'things' which AIOOYA (exist dimensionally) around me, I am sure submerged in a WAAM (Universe) which transcends towards me.

" 'Things,' the objects of my mental *processus,* no doubt "are not" as I perceive them, as I process them by means of a very complex rationalizing mechanism. Casual relationships are 'IN-ME' relationships processed according to an order drawn up by such mechanisms. A vegetable is apprehended by 'me' with certain characteristics which symbolize its 'real' attributes. 'My' sensorial impression conformable to the field of consciousness is doubtless an illusion based on certain external constants. Thus, colour will be the psychological impression of a stimulus of electro-magnetic nature, and the concept of mass impressed upon my consciousness is very far indeed from being identical with the real physical attribute that has given rise to it. Thus far, Senor Ribera, such ideas agree with the thinking of EARTH philosophers.

"But although the 'BEINGS' assume masks when they draw near to our 'I,' and although it would be impossible for us to know how they really ARE, is their EXTERIOR-TO-'ME' constant? I can be ignorant of how a molecule of camphor (which stimulates my olfactory sense-organ and causes the sensation of which I am conscious) really 'IS'. But, every time that I perceive such an aroma, can I be sure that it is an attribute solely of camphor, or indeed not an illusion or a hallucination?

"Expressed in another fashion: Although I cannot know how 'the WAAM really is," is the WAAM 'THERE,' dynamic or static, changing or rigid, generating ideas which are reflected in my consciousness without my 'I' being capable of changing its essence, its true 'BEING'?

"Our answer is NO.

"The OEMMII with a definite neurological and mental structure (i.e. you EARTH men, we UMMO men, and all the similar beings in the WAAM) can never arrive at the truth, at the essence of the WAAM, not because the WAAM "does not exist", and not because there is a barrier preventing us from arriving at the truth, but because WHEN WE THINK OF BEING, WE MODIFY ITS ESSENCE. A homely similie will illustrate this proposition: for example, when a physicist on your Planet wants to observe a micrometallographic specimen in order to test its optical properties, he brings about an alteration in the process by using light in his observation. This is his obstacle that he cannot overcome since the very act of observing itself changes the true nature of what is observed. Now, something like this occurs with BEING or EXISTENCE:

IT 'IS LIKE THIS' SO LONG AS IT IS NOT THOUGHT ABOUT AND THE IDEA OF IT DOES NOT EXIST IN MY CONSCIOUSNESS.

"As regards the fashion in which we THINKING BEINGS direct our influences to bear upon EXISTENCE, the latter already neither IS nor IS-NOT. (Here your logic offers us no informative formula for development of this concept.)

"We OEMMII *thus 'create' the WAAM when we think of it,* the Cosmos presents itself to us with a configuration of IBOZOO-UU (model of elemental physical entity). (See below on the physical concept of the WAAM.)

"We have then here a sort of "SYMBIOSIS" between *External Reality and ourselves.* The External Reality is bent in conformity with our mental process, is modified so soon as we focus our consciousness upon it. In this manner we fashion a binary model of the WAAM, consisting of certain IBOZOO-UU, physical factors, and which is our "CREATION," and in its turn this Reality forms, creates, generates our own I. Arriving at this point

you may think that our system is a sort of Pantheism which excludes the idea of a 'NECESSARY BEING' or WOA (GOD) TRANSCENDANT-TO-THE-COSMOS. Such is not the case, as you will be able to verify further on.

"Let us imagine other 'thinking' beings distinct from ourselves (EESEEOEMI). (We are not referring to other beings with a different physiological structure, but to other 'I's' whose mental concepts are configurated differently.) Undoubtedly 'they' will try to THINK-OF-THE-COSMOS (the process of 'THINKING' naturally must not be interpreted anthropomorphically) but, in 'doing so,' they will change its BEING. So that THEIR WAAM *WILL NOT BE* OUR WAAM. (**N.B: THIS IS IMPORTANT**: that we are not saying the WAAM will not be OBSERVED, or FELT, or PERCEIVED, or SCHEMATIZED in a different manner – that is obvious, Clearly the image of the Cosmos will be a different one, just as, for you, the optical image captured by the eye of a dipterous insect is different from the image perceived by the human retina.)

"No, it is not merely that the *image of the WAAM* is different when mental processes having a different configuration from our own processes are involved. It is that *BEING* itself, *EXISTENCE* itself, *the very ESSENCE OF THE WAAM,* wil thereby be modified. This relativity of BEING, this polyvalence of BEING, is reflected in our UMMO logic, which we term AAIODI AYUU (gamut or network of forms of BEING).

"Let us suppose we set out symbolically all the ontological possibilities regarding 'SOMETHING' transcendental to my "I" (for this purpose you should abstain from the Aristotelian principle of excluding the middle term):–

$(IS\ A\ BEING)_1$ $(IS\ NOT\ A\ BEING)_2$

(⸿ IS A BEING)$_3$ (⸿ IS A BEING)$_4$ ....

.... (⸿ IS A BEING)$_n$

"This is an aggregate or series of non-tautological possibilities which we may formulate still more concisely thus:

S_1; S_2; S_3; S_4; S_5 .... S_n.

"We arrive thus at the meaning of AIOOYA, the rendering of which into a terrestrial language is impossible. AIOODI is 'that' which is susceptible of adopting infinite possibilities of "existence". (S_1, S_2, S_3....................S_n.) Thus for example an IBOAYA OU (energy quantum, photon, can S_1 (BE) or S_2 (NOT BE; in the case of its transformation into mass) but both possibilities are deformations of and AIOOYA which have been brought about by my 'I' (thinking being.)

"We OEMMII thus can see the WAAM and its constituent factors under the possibilities S_1; S_1; S_2;................S_k. You men of EARTH accept for the time being only possibilities S_1 and S_2.

"Still other hypothetical thinking-beings will apprehend the AIOODI under other possibilities again different from ours, such as S_k+1; S_k+2.....S_m.

"The drama of the OEMMII and of other EESEEOEMI has its basis in their search for truth. Their search for the AIOODI will be fruitless, since it will always present itself to them under the characteristics of S_1, S_2, S_3, ...S_n.

"My judgements, my actions, which are regulated by the objectives attainable and by the means to be utilized, constitute moreover, *"ON THEIR OWN ACCOUNT,"* a further series of S_1, S_2, ... S_k deformed by one's own thinking process."

The Concept of WOA

"You have a beautiful myth: about Tantalus, the King of Lydia, who was condemed never to have his appetite satisfied despite the presence of the food within his reach. Likewise any EESEOEMI IGIO (THINKING BEING) also has to suffer the consequences of his own essence. The WAAM is inaccessible. The WAAM that he sees, that he touches, that he feels thermically, that, in sum, he thinks, is itself transformed by him in this very process of thinking. . . . .

"But the AAIIODI with its multiple forms of 'BEING': IS-HERE-IN-MY-WAAM. Can anything or anyone approach it, or 'think of it' without changing its form? Can anyone or anything penetrate the AAIIOYA without its permuting into S_1, S_2, S_3,....... S_n? YES! *This something or somebody is WOA, or THE GENERATOR, and is what you folk on EARTH would call GOD, if the 'GOD' of your theological schools were less anthropomorphic than our concept of 'NECESSARY BEING.' concept of 'NECESSARY BEING.'*

"WOA, say we, generates the WAAMWAMM (MULTIPLE COSMOS.) We use the word 'generates' arbitrarily, not as a strict synonym for the verb 'CREATE', but as a transcription of our phoneme IIWOAE. I have said to you that WOA is the sole 'thinking entity' that does not distort or alter the AIIODI. Employing EARTH terms and still running the risk of anthropomorphizing the concept which we are endeavouring to explain to you, we will say that WOA co-exists with AIIODI, that AIIODI does not transcend WOA. AIIODI is the 'ACT' of WOA, it is generated without WOA's having potentized it beforehand. Thus 'WOA's THOUGHT' has no connexion with our thinking processes as dimensional beings.

"So we declare that BEING is not IMMANENT, that it is not a term of our subjective consciousness, despite the fact that it is this consciousness that shapes it by distorting a reality (AIIODI) which is hidden behind our distorting intellectual vision of BEING. Thus WOA generates all the possible forms of S_1, S_2, S_3........... S_n, and its sub-groups constitute so many other WAAMS. Or, to put it in another way, WOA generates infinite numbers of cosmoses by generating infinite types of thinking beings, but the proposition 'THERE ARE INFINITE WAAMS' is valid only for us, EESEOEMII (thinking beings), inasmuch as, when we distort the AIIOYAA as many times as there are categories of us 'THINKING 'I'S,' we are creating the illusion of a vastly rich gamut of ontological possibilities.

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AN INFORMED SPECULATION

John M. Lade

VISITING us is an old friend who, one fine morning in May, 1973, was with her daughter in a car being driven by her son-in-law from Inverness towards Drumnadrochit. She was observing a fishing boat moving in the same direction out in the middle of Loch Ness, leaving a long wake, when she noticed another wake between the boat and their car, apparently caused by two dark humps in tandem, going the same way. They stopped to watch and saw the humps suberge, but the wake continued; then, the humps reappeared, dark and glistening like two rocks on the move. Finally, the humps submerged and the wake disappeared.

I have holidayed in Drumnadrochit and spoken with Mr. Menzies, of the local garage and the Temple Pier where the Caledonian steamships used to call several times a day. His brother, with a bus-load of people, once stopped to watch "Nessie" for a quarter of an hour. There is thought to be a whole colony of the monsters (who have never harmed anyone) in the loch and residents have seen what are believed to be young ones. A sonar picture obtained underwater last year and analysed in Sweden, the U.S. and England, shows the outline of a four-limbed creature with five digits and a neck nine feet long; our Natural History Museum consider it resembles a plesiosaurus.

What, you may ask, has this to do with flying saucers? The reply is: Nothing at all! Why, then, do some people see association between them; also, other lake monsters and strange creatures of land and air, fairies and little people? All are phenomena on the fringe of human awareness and consciousness.

I did not want to write again about flying saucers until I could contribute substantially to a solution of the problem of what they are; but, it is time to call a halt to attempts at linking the phenomenon to other as yet unsolved mysteries. Knowledge is discovery and it is absence of knowledge which leads to scientific theories described by Dr. Grattan-Guinness (FSR Vol.19 No.5) as explaining the known in terms of the unknown. Frustration in the search for knowledge leads to explaining the unknown in terms of the unknown, adding mystery to mystery, and this is occultism. In the early years after Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting it was thought that flying saucers, if they existed, were space-craft from other worlds. Soon, people were claiming contacts and messages; mediums began to receive communications from commanders of spacefleets. Much of this concerned the future of humanity and the dangers of atomic explosions. One felt that kindly beings were on hand to help us, if we would only listen. But in this respect frustration set in, too. Now we have healings and miraculous performances more or less associated with the saucers. This is the road to sorcery and witchcraft.

It was in 1952 that I read one of Keyhoe's books and saw no reason to doubt his sincerity; moreover, I remembered the flying lights during the war, which were also reported in the press in 1943, called *foo-fighters* by the Americans: after the war it was discovered that they were not partially developed enemy missiles and that they had puzzled both sides on several fronts, including the Far East. Why should not extraterrestrial beings visit us at this time, when we on earth plan to emerge, first to the moon? I felt sure this was so and wanted to help publicize flying saucers and what they could mean to all the world. I joined the Company founded by writers and journalists to publish *Flying Saucer Review* and I corresponded with George Adamski, eventually arranging his lecture tour in Britain. He was not after money or personal fame, but it did seem strange that he showed so little interest in practical details of his experiences with the Brothers; it seemed that he was primarily concerned to propound a philosophy, in which there was nothing necessarily extraterrestrial. I decided to remain with *Flying Saucer Review*, which I knew to have no philosophy to put across and no axe to grind other than the hope of publishing a profitable magazine.

Even before it became evident that Adamski was wrong about the moon, there was one statement (in *Inside the Space Ships):* that every solar system has twelve planets, which repelled me as being contrary to the infinite variety of nature. There were likewise flaws in the verisimilitude of a number of reported sightings, such as repetition at regular intervals, after a day or a week or a month (eg. the Brush Creek incident); appearance at convenient moments (audiences at George Hunt Williamson's lectures filed out to see saucers cavorting aloft); haunting a neighbourhood for a period (eg. Rio Vista, Solano County, Cal. 1965 and many other instances) and a pattern of contactees being told that they would be visited again (so far as we know, they never were). Even from the beginning of the subject, from Kenneth Arnold's attempt to investigate the Maury Island affair, there were supernatural aspects and these multiplied as time went on, so that eventually nothing comes as a surprise any more.

Yet, there is a hard core of genuine experience. I know a farm labourer who saw a pencil-like object drift across the face of an October full moon twenty years ago and I verified his story with the farm manager who was talking to him. I have seen, shortly after noon one Saturday, from the A 232 near Sutton, a large aluminium-coloured disc apparently hanging just above the house on my right as I drove westwards. I have been interested in our subject for several years, but I said only "That"s not a flying saucer, anyway." My wife, beside me, said she could see another one, but we were late for some event at our daughter's school and I did not turn

my head, but drove on steadily. Afterwards, it seemed strange that there were no appendages to the unmarked, unbroken circle of the disc, on which the light reflection made it possible that it was not in fact a round balloon (which I had taken it to be), but a flattened disc on edge. It was about the same diameter as the height of the two-storey houses beside the road and it looked about 100 feet up, about two streets back. I was ashamed and did not telephone the police to learn whether anyone had reported it: we knew what we had seen. However, I did go to some length to establish that there were no balloons about at that place and time. Why did it not occur to me immediately that there could not be an untethered balloon of such size so low in a built-up area, let alone two of them?

Like most sightings, these are by ordinary people about their daily business, both without an with an interest in the subject. This does not fit Dr. Carl Jung's theory that in times of social stress, the human mind consciously or subconsciously tends to look for an otherworldly saviour; a theory which the foo-fighters would support. There is evidence of a sighting by an individual under stress and I wonder how many people know the detailed description in Chapter 16 of *The Lonely Sea and The Sky* of what Francis Chichester saw over the sea between Lord Howe Island and Australia in 1931, of which he concludes: "Whatever it was I saw, it seems to have been very much like what people have since claimed to be flying saucers." As contrary evidence, we have Captain Howard's corroborated and lengthy sighting, while on a scheduled flight; incidentally, he told me he was not afraid, feeling that the craft he saw were a beneficent presence.

Most sightings are of saucer or cigar-shaped UFOs, but there are many different shapes and, in 1896 – 1897 there were airships of quite primitive apparent construction – some of which ought to have been unable to fly – just before real airships left the ground. What if they, their occupants and their actions, were only in the air metaphorically, as it were like shadows cast before? What if they were thoughts made visible? What if the universe is basically, indeed, entirely mental? We are aware that thoughts are not personally created, are not the property of anyone; they exist independently of persons and they come to one who is able to receive them, desires them or fears he cannot resist them. One can sense thoughts and feel them at times. What if one can see them? What if matter is but crystallized thought (and that itself is a thought)? What if flying saucers are thought-forms? A thought is more permanent and real than a thing, for it precedes, accompanies and succeeds everything; moreover, whereas a thing unaccompanied by a thought is inconceivable, it is common for thoughts to be unaccompanied by things and it is possible for the production of things to be incomplete, an emergent or a temporary phenomenon or the thought of a transitory thing.

Afloat on the ocean of consciousness, we scan the horizon of our awareness and we see ships hull down and unidentified; we maintain our general course, pursuing only those with whom we wish to speak. Flying saucers appear to display advanced technology; therefore, our course being towards a better world, towards civilization and progress, we attempt to close with them. If more advanced beings approach our ken, we may assume they know what our scientists only recently discovered; namely, that there can be no independent observer because what is seen is influenced by the one who sees it. We do not share the cynical despair of the allegory at the end of Adamski's *Flying Saucers Farewell*; indeed, we are led thereby to question whether the formulators of his philosophy might not be wolves in sheep's clothing.

Occupied vehicles or thought pictures sent out on the air, the continuing evidence of flying saucers, pressing upon us through modern improved communications, suggests the existence of superior beings. One book on our subject gives this anonymous quotation: "It is easier to ridicule than to investigate, but it is not as profitable." Should investigation disprove the extraterrestrial theory, we shall nevertheless discover more about the world we live in and, perhaps, derive practical benefits. We have plenty of sightings; we now need intelligence.

Editor's comment: John Lade joined the FSR team in 1956, has been Company Secretary for FSR Publications Ltd. (originally Flying Saucer Service Ltd.) ever since, and was a regular contributor in the earlier years of the magazine.

In view of Mr. Lade's observations I feel I should point out that my policy with FSR – and this I have stressed in Editorial articles over the years – is to "look at everything" where UFOs are reported. And UFOs have been reported, for example, at Loch Ness at, or near the times of reported observations of the monster. (Another aspect too, as F.W. Holiday has pointed out, is that there is frequently a common factor in the reported behaviour of UFOs and monster. An example of this is that there is an oft-reported shyness on the part of both UFOs and monster as soon as the observer reaches for a camera.)

Ted Holiday's views are his own, as also are John Lade's; both of them are bound up with the phenomenon. FSR will continue to report all aspects of the phenomenon, to provide a platform for the debate, and to take note of peripheral topics where there seems to be a link with ufology.

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"To express it in a common, ordinary fashion: "from the viewpoint of WOA" the WAAM (UNIVERSE) does not present the broad gamut of forms that is familiar to our minds, nor does WOA even perceive it as something that either EXISTS or DOES NOT EXIST or that EXISTS. For WOA, the AIIODI is simply eternal and immutable like himself. (We are not using the word "eternal" here as a synonym for infinite time.)"

[*The next part, No.5, will complete the present selection of UMMO messages, and will end with Sr. Ribera's conclusions*–EDITOR]

UFOs INVADE THE BAVARIAN ALPS - PART II

Adolf Schneider, Ernst Berger, et al

This report of events which followed the remarkble Hochries landing, described in Part I, is the result of collaboration by investigators of MUFON's newly formed Central European Section

ONE day in late February, 1974, Friedrich Lennartz went outdoors with a couple of skiers at about 9.00 p.m. to take a look at the nighttime panorama. When they had stopped 20 metres from Hochries hut near a steep slope, somebody spotted a group of lights in the air. Lennartz, who carried his 12 x 50 binoculars discerned it was a formation of yellowish objects approaching Oberwiesen Valley (between Hochries and Klausenalm) from the dark Mt. Heuraffelkopf – Mt. Predigtstuhl area, and in front of the mountains.

Three fly past

The manoeuvre proceeded rapidly. First three balls, one above another, came in exactly from the east. At approximately 110° azimuth the trajectory was changed into one parallel to the south-eastern Hochries slope and, due to perspective, the echelon formation spread in the air. Ball 1 seemed to accelerate for a few moments, but the other two soon caught up with it and all three kept an equi-distant echelon for the rest of their low flight path, "apparently under remote control," according to Lennartz. He told Adolf Schneider that the lights had looked like aeroplanes ducking low into the alpine valley to escape radar detection. No change of brightness or shape was seen during the 30 seconds of observation and they were lost from sight over Austrian territory towards the Spitzstein slope. The minimum distance from the group of observers was one kilometre; thus the globes of slightly less than 1° diameter had a true size of about 15 metres. Lennartz's description of the globes' light as "yellowish, warm, but not dazzling" reminds us of the three Traunstein globes in formation.

Friday evening, March 29, 1974, Mt. Geigelstein, which looks like a "hawk's beak" from Hochries, was the focus of strange light phenomena again. Frau Anna Kellerer from Munich discovered two bright spots in front of the Loferer Steinberge range (2,500 m. high and 30 km. distant), to the right of Geigelstein, at 7.40 p.m. She was unable to make out definite shapes at the supposed distance of between 10 and 30 km., and neither could Herr Niedermaier, Peter and Wilhelm Melitat, Herr Wagner and his wife and two other Hochries guests who gathered around Fray Kellerer. Lennartz and his wife arrived too. Object 2 was somewhat higher in the air than number 1. It was five to ten times larger and comparable to a dazzling white spotlight. Its companion had an orange -red colour and both pulsated at irregular intervals until 10.00 p.m. Object 1 went out completely now and then and number 2 took on an orange tint at times. Meteorological conditions were not excellent, but normal (warm, cloudy).

"Mushroom" and satellites

The next Hochries sighting happened three days after our summer field investigation, on August 17, 1974. Adolf Schneider obtained important data on it during his interviews of November 2.

Storm clouds were dissolving in the calm air with temperatures above 20° C and good visibility. Friedrich Lennartz was in the company of Franz Huber, owner of a sports shop at Rosenheim, and Konrad Lorenz of Zandorf/Rosenheim (*not* the famous ethologist). The clock stood at 8.30 pm when these three, and others, spotted a source of bright light which travelled very slowly southwards from the Ashau region. Thirty minutes later it had reached an elevation of 19° (value obtained with quadrant), and was to the left of Geigelstein and high up in the direction of the Watzmann massif – azimuth about 110° from Hochries. Again, Lennartz had his 12 x 50 Zeiss Ikon ready. He later described the object to Adolf Schneider precisely as a "mushroom upside down," radiating an extremely brilliant orange light, much brighter than the full moon. The circumference consisted of a zig-zag shaped border of pale velvet-greenish colour, perhaps a radiation effect. Moreover, the dazzling thing seemed to be equipped with secondary objects which were released periodically. Quite often one or two oval "satellites" dashed out of the object's left side like sparks or meteors, and at meteor speed. They never came back. After some hundred odd metres of luminous trajectory, being a darker yellow than the main body, they disappeared as fast as leaving a spotlight cone. At one time, as many as three bolides crossed the field of view of the binoculars. The last peculiar details inevitably remind us of the Traunstein pulsations. The mushroom seemed to shrink periodically. After about five minutes of maximum brilliance it shrank "like a sponge or jelly-fish" and reduced its light to a barely visible, reddish glow. The "air out process" did not disturb the flying sparks; with the main object doused they were even better visible. A few minutes later, the "sponge" expanded, brightened, and a peak was reached again.

Herr Huber tried to film the strange show, but unfortunately his film cassette had only centimetres left. He had the impression of two overlapping parts or circles at the object's dark phase. Herr Lorenz added that the "jellyfish" was flying slowly in loops. If we suppose the "sponge" manoeuvred directly over the Mt. Meigelstein area, Lennartz's elevation gives us a height of 2,500 metres above the Geigelstein peak level and the standard size test an average size of 40 metres at 8 km away. At 11.00 p.m. the pulsating "jellyfish" was lost in the clouds.

They draw nearer . . .

On August 23, 1974, there were thunderstorms and showers in the Northern Alps, except at Hochries and its surroundings. At 8.30 p.m., Lennartz left Riesen hut (1444 m.). He said good-bye to Frau Ramsauer, the landlady, and steered his jeep into the woods along the first few metres of the two-to-three-kilometre-long rough track up to Hochries hut. He had only just disappeared behind the trees when Frau Ramsauer noticed something odd going on in the starry sky. A strange, lengthy "balloony object" stood upright left of the hut at the peak and gave off a yellow-orange colour of spotlight intensity. It illuminated the eastern front of Hochries hut brightly, so Frau Ramsauer called her husband and a relative. The three persons watched the eerie sight through Leitz Trinovid 10 x 40 binoculars. It was definitely near or on the ground to the south or south-east of Hochries hut, bigger than a house, i.e. about 12 metres high. Unfortunately no telephone line runs from Riesen hut to Hochries hut, and the Ramsauer family has no wireless set either. Within 30 minutes of continuous watching, about the time Lennartz was on his way up the mountain, the "luminous banana" appeared at different positions around the hut and at last vanished suddenly. The following day Frau Ramsauer went to see Lennartz and told him of the sighting, but he found no traces on the ground near the house on close examination.

Whatever had been there produced no E.M. effect or residue whatsoever. Frau Lennartz, who had watched TV in Hochries hut (in a room at the western side), remembered nothing unusual about the set – a significant difference compared to December 10, 1973.

. . . in the falling rain

Frau Ramsauer went home a little confused. Her interest aroused by the phenomenon, she again looked out of a window after dusk. The weather was bad on Saturday, August 24, there being rainfall in the Hochries region with scattered thunderstorms and the sky almost overcast; winds were below 10 km./hour. Certainly no "sighting weather," experienced investigators will say. But by the time 8.30 had arrived, so had the phenomenon.

The landlady was amazed to spot a luminous, motionless object, and quickly alerted her husband, sister, niece and five members of the Gabriel family of Frasdorf-Ried, and also an acquaintance of the same family, who were guests at the Riesen hut. The Leitz Trinovid 10 x 40 was passed on from observer to observer. Herr Ramsauer said later that the object resembled an ellipsoid in horizontal position with solid shape and clear outline despite the falling rain. The ellipse hovered low in the valley between Hochries peak and Mt. Klausenberg (the area of the February low-flying echelon). Franz Gabriel, a farm-worker from Frasdorf-Ried, saw it only with the naked eye and compared it to a plate seen from the rim, with a diameter half the apparent size of the moon. The ten witnesses lost it from view, in a flicker of an eye, five to ten minutes after Frau Ramsauer's call.

The interview at Riesen hut also revealed a sighting by the mother of Frau Ramsauer, aged 56, who on Saturday October 27, 1973 (one day before the Traunstein manoeuvres in Austria) had remained alone in the hut while her daughter had been to a wedding in the neighbourhood. Suddenly a yellow-red, orange-shaped object seemed to glide down from Spielberg (1 km. distant) towards Riesen hut and threw a "ghostly light" on to the dark trees of the landscape. After a turn to the right, it blinked out instantly.

The "jellyfish" is back

Stage: Hochries hut, Germany, and Klausen hut, Austria. Date: November 9, 1974. A few clouds had gathered in the calm night air (about 1°C outdoors), when Friedrich Lennartz took his routine "sky-look" at 8.30 p.m. CET. Not only clouds! Lennartz rushed inside the hut to alarm the two servant girls, Erna Bonvecchio (20) and Sybille Hell, as well as two guests: a pilot and a man from Rosenheim (names withheld). The usual sighting preparations were made. The five witnesses gathered at the open panorama window of the dining room, Lennartz got his 12 x 50 binoculars and a second pair of 7 x 50, which were passed around. In the starry sky above Mt. Weitlahnerkopf (the scene of the December, 1973 landing), a round orange-red object shone much brighter than the waning moon. Lennartz switched on his Sommerkamp TS 600 only minutes after and broadcast his observations. He reached the Czechoslovakian border easily and also the station at Wendelstein, as well as German colleagues. They could not all see what he did – apart from Austrian landlord, Walter Foidl, and his wife of Klausenalm hut, 1.6 km. away. They went outdoors together with Karl and Marianne Bechhold, a Munich couple. Unfortunately the Klausen hut observers paid only a mild interest to the "unusual star" over Geigelstein and after a look with a telescope and 7 x 42 binoculars they found "nothing unusual about it" – or were reticent to talk about it later.

According to Lennartz, the object's inner core had an orange luminosity, whereas the outer margin looked greenish yellow. Miss Bonvecchio observed green and red border colours (Herr Foidl: "blue and red"), which seemed to rotate around the object in a "runway light" pattern, rather like a wavy colour blend, there being no clear-cut sectors. Compared to a rock structure at Geigelstein, Lennartz estimated the object's diameter to be 40 metres (supposing it hovered there).

Startling manoeuvres occurred at regular intervals. The round mass of light shrank to a quarter or a fifth of its size within 10–20 seconds and expanded within the same general time. During the "shrinking process" the lower half of the "jellyfish" narrowed. Twenty minutes after first sighting it, the "sponge of light" had travelled from a position over Weitlahnerkopf to a point near Mt. Geigelstein (near the first position of the January 3 object), where it hovered low. At 10.30 p.m. low-hanging clouds drew the curtain for "Jellyfish Two".

Breakdown and parallels

The "pulsations", "satellites" and the typical "orange glow" of the Hochries flap reports remind us of the Traunstein, Austria manoeuvres on October 28/29 and November 17, 1973. Supersonic speed, hours of hovering and right angle turns are also patterns characteristic of 1973/1974 activity in Central Europe — and not only Central Europe of course. To publish data on the Hochries flap first, the translator has postponed compilation of an article on his own investigations at Traunstein in September and November, 1974. Activity there has developed at the same rate as in Bavaria and the thirteen new reports from Walviertel Highland show a highly similar spectrum of patterns.

The investigators are sorry that bad weather conditions and excessive snowfalls prevent a close examination of the possible landing spot at Weitlahnerkopf in 1973 and early 1974. As we have seen, nothing was found near Hochries hut, the second touch-down area.

Searching for additional cases with "egg-shaped objects in vertical position" we found a remarkable sighting on New Year's Day, 1970 at Mill Bay on Vancouver Island, Canada.* Three witnesses noticed a yellow-orange glow in the sky which turned out to be an egg-shaped object. It seemed to have a transparent part on the top, and one witness thought he saw a set of lights inside.

Up to December 1, 1974, nine different sightings with ten definite objects, two lights and numerous "satellites" have been reported by at least 37 persons in the Hochries area (sketchy 1973 reports have been excluded from this breakdown), and 18 have been interviewed at length by seven field investigation teams during six field trips organised by MUFON C.E.S.

Geological maps do not indicate major tectonic faults running through the flap area, but a remarkable Karst morphology (dolinas, polges and disappearing wells) is present north-east of Hochries hut, especially around Riesen hut and stretching 2 km. further to the Laubenstein Basin at Mt. Zellerhorn, where the famous Laubenstein caverns are located.

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World round-up *of news and comment about recent sightings*

United States of America

Police report UFOs

The *News and Observer* of Raleigh, North Carolina, carried a report in its issue of April 6, 1975, under the signature of staff writer Larry Bliss,—"The mystery returned Saturday to Eastern North Carolina's outbreak of UFO reports.

"Law enforcement officers said they saw unidentified flying objects for the third night in a row and rejected suggestions that what they were really sighting was a jet plane on a training flight.

"White Lake police chief Garry Moore even reported that an object hovered over his car about 8.45 p.m. Friday, shining a light 'so bright I could hardly look at it.'

"None of the lawmen interviewed Saturday agreed with the suggestion of Federal Aviation Administration officials that the Wednesday and Thursday night sightings involved a jet plane.

"A News and Observer photographer got pictures of what he said was apparently a jet aircraft with its vertical stabilizer brightly illuminated. Staffer Steven Murray took two photos at state road 1726 and U.S. 301 two miles south of Parkton at 10.25 p.m. Friday.

"But that was more than an hour before a Piedmont Airlines pilot said he made test flights over the area.

"Moore said that the object hovered 200 feet over his car Friday and shined a light on his patrol car on N.C. 53 near White Lake.

"He described the UFO as V-shaped with 'several colours of light.' Moore and the other sighters said the object or objects made no noise.

"A White Lake police officer, Sgt. J. C. Baxley, also reported seeing the object, this time at a distance. His description was similar to Moore's — a V-shaped thing with lights around it.

"He observed the UFO between 8.45 and 10.40 p.m., saying that it hovered in the area of Moore's car for 45 minutes. Baxley said it moved off slowly west after standing still.

"Bladen County Deputy Sheriff Phillip Little said he saw a 'big glow four or five times brighter than a star' through binoculars from a location near Elizabethtown.

"Little, looking northwest from the city, said that from 9 to 10 p.m. he saw a light that varied in brightness slowly moving to the northwest. He guessed that it might have been a balloon.

"Another sighting occurred on a rural paved road off N. C. 130, five miles northwest of Rowland about 9.15 p.m. Friday. Police dispatcher Ron Thompson said he signaled with his headlights an object that had two searchlights and was hovering 100 yards away or less over an open field."

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North Carolina sightings continue

Again from the Raleigh *News and Observer* (of April 8, 1975) we learn that,—"Five members of a Robeson County family reported they saw five pink-and-red objects flying in a circular formation land in a field in a rural area near here Sunday night.

"Ron Thompson, a dispatcher for the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, said Monday he collected charred soil samples from five spots in the field where he believes the objects landed.

"Dozens of sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported in a multi-county area of Eastern North Carolina for the past week. Most of the sightings have been

reported by law enforcement officers.

"Ray Strickland, a security guard at Pembroke State University here, said he and four members of his family were returning from a visit in Pembroke when they saw the objects streak out of the sky and swoop into the field beside Philadelphus Road, a mile north of here.

"Strickland said the objects he saw 'were not airplanes. They were nothing like planes.' Federal Aviation Administration officials suggested Friday that the sightings had been prompted by airline pilots training in the area.

" 'Out of the sky we saw five big lights, pink and reddish in colour,' Strickland said. 'They were in a circle and a big flame was coming from each of them.'

"He said he lost sight of the objects when they flew behind a barn next to the field. He said by the time he ran into the field to search for the objects, they were gone.

"Thompson said that he returned to the field with Strickland to investigate the report and that he found five burned places in the soil measuring 25 by six feet. He said the arrangement of the burned spots exactly duplicated a diagram Strickland sketched of the formation of the objects as he saw them in flight.

"Thompson said he took photographs of the burned places and took soil samples from the scorched ground which he said he would have analyzed.

"At least three other sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported Sunday night, Thompson said. He said reports of sightings were received from Lumberton, from west of St. Pauls and from Scotland County near Wagram.

"All of the objects have been described as triangular in shape except for the one in Lumberton. It was reported hovering 250 feet from the earth and was cigar-shaped with a dome on top and of a bright, luminous colour."

Credit: **Raymond Urban**

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Holes at Poles?

Dear Sir,—I feel sure that many of your readers must by now have read "Secret of the Ages" by B. Le Poer Trench, and probably, like me, been very puzzled by photographs published in the book. Some of these purport to show a hole in the earth at the North Pole.

I wrote to the Royal Geographical Society concerning these satellite photographs and thought that some of your readers might like to share in this reply.

They submitted my letter and the photostat copy of the pictures from the book to the Scott Polar Research Institute. Dr. Swithinbank, of that institute, tells me that the supposed photograph of the hole at the pole is "not a single satellite photograph, but a composite picture made up from the weather satellite ESSA7 which orbits at an inclination of about 79° to the Equator. Hence it does not cover the North Pole itself, and all such mosaics have a gap at high altitudes."

However, apart from statements about holes at the poles, the book does suggest some interesting ideas.

Yours sincerely,
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Power of the Mind?

Dear Sir,—On reading your editorial, "More Beliefs" in FSR, Vol.20, No.6, I propose that you consider a possible alternative to the theory that entities are meddling in human affairs. It is that *mankind* is playing paranormal games with himself, and it would take a team of psychiatrists to explain why.

The problem has its counterpart in spiritualistic phenomena. Are the entities who communicate through mediums and victims of obsession really what they claim to be (demons, departed souls, etc.,) or are the minds of living human beings unconsciously engineering a pretense?

I know that this idea is "way out," but how much better can we do in formulating the least implausible hypothesis? The good-or-evil entity idea is also accepted as a last resort, but at least I try to maintain a foot on *terra firma* by appealing to anthropogenesis and psychiatry. I suspect that the two ideas can be merged by a profound thinker who is able to ask the right questions. B. E. Schwarz and Jule Eisenbud, I think, are on the right tracks. Schwarz's various contributions and Eisenbud's article, "The Mind-Matter Interface" (Journal, American Society for Psychical Research, April 1975) both imply that the observer could play a part in shaping reality. (To his credit, too, Eisenbud discusses UFOs in the A.S.P.R's article, a "first" in that scholarly Journal.)

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UFOs seen from British Airways Trident

Dear Sir,—I should be interested to hear, via your "Mail Bag" column, from anyone who might have witnessed a number of UFOs flying in formation a few miles off the coast of Italy at approximately 1,000 or so feet on Saturday, March 15.

A colleague of mine, who works for British Airways regional division, was flying back from a holiday in Sicily on a *Trident* flight No. BE 343 at 35,000 ft. It was just after take-off, approximately 19.30–20.00 hrs., en-route for London. Suddenly he saw below to starboard a formation of six brightly shining discs. They apparently stayed with the aircraft for a while (the same relative position) and then manoeuvred into a different formation, only this time there were eight of them.

The discs were also observed by the flight crew, who brought them to the attention of the passengers.

The aircraft banked to starboard, so that they could be observed from a better vantage point. The UFOs then took up their previous formation, and shot off at great speed, heading due South.

The captain commented that although he couldn't ascertain what they were, they weren't ships, as they appeared to be a good 1,000 ft. above the sea.

My colleague, although not a pilot for British Airways, does do a lot of private flying, and so is very observant with regard to aerial phenomena.

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FROM THE CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

Summary of recent reports, April 21, 1975

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION has been prepared for exclusive publication in *Flying Saucer Review.* It should be noted that the names of all witnesses are on file at the Center for UFO Studies.*

1. February 20, 1975, at 9.00 p.m. Andover, Massachusetts, USA; Type of report: CEI

Two witnesses saw light in distance which appeared to be a train about to crash. Object was descending, and at tree top level it stopped and went straight up, and again stopped at an angle of approx. 40 degrees, both witnesses and object moved to where students (witnesses) were 200–250 ft. away from object [?ED]. The object then stopped directly over students. It was estimated to be 10–12 ft. in diameter, with a dull grey surface, and about 75 ft. above the ground. The object remained in this position for about 30–60 sec, emitting a soft hum and exhibiting a rocking motion. The object slowly moved away and disappeared. It appeared 10 minutes later and was viewed by numerous other witnesses for the next 1½ hours. Several subsequent sightings were reported for several nights.

Original Source: Police, to Ray Fowler
Investigator: J. Giambrone, MUFON

2. From April 3, 1975 and subsequently. Robeson County, North Carolina, USA; Type: mostly CEI

Numerous sightings have been reported from Robeson County, and the surrounding area, from April 3 to the present. Most witnesses have been police [See World Round-Up]. The Center has had three investigators there, F. Harrison, MUFON, Lee Spiegel, MUFON and Center, and Ted Phillips, to investigate a landing case. Many of these cases are CEI, with the most common report being a V shaped object, with blue and red lights. The Federal Aviation Administration is co-operating in the investigation. A full report† on the landing case with physical traces will follow.

†(I hope this will be a Technical Report from the Center,—J. Allen Hynek.)

3. March 5, 1975, at 9.30 p.m. Enfield, Connecticut, USA; Type: CEI

Witnesses in car, saw red light near ground moving slowly. Drove closer, saw a white oval object high in sky. Stopped car, saw oval object in field 50 yards away. Object was flat saucer in shape, and emitted blue green and red lights. Similar object was sighted in same area by another witness and reported to UFO CENTRAL 24.2.75. Further investigation pending.

Speed: 5–10 mph. Trajectory: hovered
Weather: clear. Duration: 35 minutes
Original source: Enfield police files
Investigator: Center report form, E Jahn, NICAP

4. January 16, 1975, at 7.30 p.m. China Spring, Texas, USA. Type: CEI

Young woman, driving, spotted unusual cluster of lights, low in sky, hovering over field. Arrived at friend's house, who was also observing object. Object ("smaller than airplane") passed over car (40 ft. above). Witness described object as having rotating white lights. Object shot quickly into sky. Check with nearby airport showed only 4-engined military plane in area at that time.

Weather: clear. Duration: 5 minutes
Source: UFO Central

5. March 2, 1975, Phillips, Wisconsin, USA; Type: CEI

Police officer sighted disc-shaped object with hump on top and bottom. Bright white and blue lights seemed to be shining on ground (1,000 ft. away). Red or orange lights on bottom edge, approximately 30 feet in diameter. He put spotlight on object, it rapidly ascended. Before this sighting and others, his car radio "went wild...the noises were short weird responses,"

Duration: 5 minutes
Source: UFO Central
Investigators: L. Spiegel, MUFON; D. Flickinger, UFO Center.

6. April 1, 1975, at 9.00 p.m. Two Harbors, Minnesota, USA; Type: CEI

There have been numerous sightings during late March and April in Upper Michigan, Northern Wisconsin, and Minnesota. This is one such report. Many are under active investigation.

"At first I thought it was a plane in trouble as it was low and looked as though it were going to crash into our house. It swerved...The front formation of lights were red, and then 2 formations of white. It made a low "whooshing" noise easily heard outside...there was another but different type of light two fields away, this one was higher in the air and was a blue colour...As we watched it...it started shooting lights out of the top of it and these were disappearing so fast it was split seconds to their disappearance."

The police were called and observed these lights.

Possible traces are involved: photographs have been taken of marks — broken snow crust, "as if something poled into ground at an angle."

The distance, at closest point to observer was 100–150 ft. over house. The UFO's trajectory was erratic, and it changed direction suddenly.

Witnesses: Three Duration: 30 minutes
Weather: clear
Original source- Telephone call to Center
Investigator: Form filled out.

7. February 4, 1975, at about 8.00 p.m. Mount Olive, N. Carolina, USA; Type: CEI

Two witnesses saw light in the sky which would dim, go completely out, and come back on in a matter of moments. The object suddenly started moving erratically and then descending, coming back towards them, whereupon they saw a second light appear where the first had been. The descended light was seen hovering about 200 ft. away, moving around the immediate area, and barely above tree top level for approximately one minute. The object was so brilliant that it could be looked at only briefly. They were able to observe four lights on the right side, and the object appeared to be rotating. It appeared to be about a car's length across, some 16–20 feet. No sound was heard at any time. The object ascended and stayed over the Mount Olive area approximately two hours. It was observed by at least six other witnesses in different locations.

Weather: clear, cool, calm
Investigator: F. Harrison, MUFON

8. February 6, 1975, at 12.30 a.m., Fort Pierce, Florida; Type: CEI

Two witnesses were driving down highway, and "saw an object lit by the full moon, spinning and dropping very fast...as it was spinning and falling it came to the tree tops and moved east towards the ocean. We lost it momentarily, but all of a sudden it came towards us from the south following the road. I told my brother to duck, and in a flash it was over the car and gone."

Weather: clear Duration: 3–5 minutes
Original source: Letter to Center
Investigator: Form filled out

9. February 26, 1975, at about 1.00 a.m., Durham—Raleigh, N. Carolina, USA: Type NL

Family and neighbours observed "fuzzy and flashing light at a point about 25–30 degrees in elevation 'floating' over the trees to the SW, some 75–100 yards away. One part of the "circular-like 'blurry something' was 'kind of white looking.

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and...like the moon — clear white on the left side but emitting rays or beams of light from the right side...No sound was heard." It appeared to be moving up and down.

The witness called the police and a television station. The TV station took a film of the light but it was apparently "no good." The light was also sighted by the police officer, who reported seeing eight such lights. One of the family of witnesses reported the light appeared to be triangular shaped, with a strobe-like light which sent out red, blue, and green colours as rays as a blend of the colours. Reports lasted for about 5 hours.

A further report is pending.
Original source: UFO Centre
Investigator: B. Hangen, UFO Center

10. March 3, 1975, at 8.45 p.m., Wausau, Wisconsin; Type NL

Two police officers received report and officer left desk to scan skies. "...A very bright object was observed bobbing somewhat on the horizon." Observation information was passed on to State Patrol Trooper who "Observed a UFO for a period of at least five minutes and described it as multi-coloured and going up and down in the air a number of times prior to his losing sight of it."

The object, stated to be "as big as a fist, when arm out-stretched," was described as moving in a straight line, and in a zig-zag."

Weather: clear
Original source: UFO Center
Investigator: Center Report form filled out

11. January 9, 1975, at 7.15 p.m., Somerville, New Jersey, USA; Type: CEI

Two fifteen-year-old girls sighted object, silent, moving slightly higher than tree level, extremely fast. "There was this big white...the only way to describe it is 'thing.' The white thing was brightly illuminated, and the object flew into it. As the object flew into it, the thing disappeared. After the object had flown completely through the thing, in front of the thing was a light projection, like that of a flashlight. The object had two little blue lights, and sort of a red band."

The girls went to find another witness, which they did, but at first could not sight the object. Then they saw it, about one block away, hovering over a house. It suddenly disappeared "into thin air."

The object was said to have been the size of a "motor-cycle."

Weather: Partly clouded
Duration: 4 minutes, then 1½ minutes
Original source: UFO Central
•Investigator: Wm. Boyce, MUFON, for Center

12. January 23, 1975, at 9.00 p.m., Indianapolis, Indiana, USA; Type CEII

Object, with pulsating white lights (5), was sighted about two blocks away. Moved slowly, hovered over witness at about 200 — 400 ft. Moved behind trees, about 50 yards away and disappeared. Electric lights went out in witness's home; police reported power failure in area at approximately the same time.

The object is said to have moved in a straight line after hovering. It was estimated as being of 20 ft. diameter.

Witnesses: four in all
Weather: Partly clouded, 35°F. Duration: 7 minutes
Original source: UFO Central
Investigator: Wm. Stevens, Center Investigator

13. March 12, 1975, at 7.00 p.m. S.W. of Toppenish, Washington, USA; Type: NL

Brilliant white object was sighted, which turned a yellowish colour, then pulsated or blinked, returning to white colour. As the witness's vehicle came close to the object, it began to glow brightly and then dimmed. It moved slowly, then "went out." While object was in sight, horses crowded up to side of corral, dog went into shed and would not come out. Cattle, which are usually doing considerable bawling at that time, did not make a sound until the object had left. One witness attempted to take several pictures of the light which showed only a spot of light. Object was hovering over or near the site of a large pumping station.

[The object was stated to have been the apparent size of a "wall clock." Its speed, distance and the duration of the observation were not recorded or estimated. A further investigation is pending.

Weather: Clear, 40°F. Witnesses: Three
Original source: Wm. Vogel
Investigator: Wm. Vogel, Center investigator

14. January 5, 1975, at 8.30 p.m., Mount Vernon, Ohio, USA; Type: CEI

Two witnesses, driving, observed an object close to the ground, appearing to be about to land or take off. They observed it momentarily, then drove to where they could turn their car around. Object was paced at about 40 mph, then hovered. It appeared to be 200 feet away, 200 feet high, and was seen for about 5 minutes. Appeared to have three red lights. Then moving in a tight circle, the other side of the object appeared to have two white lights.

The object moved off, hovered. Witnesses drove to a nearby relative's home to get the relative to look at the object. When they returned a few minutes later, it had disappeared.

The size of the object was stated to have been about "the back end of a *Volkswagen.*"

Weather: Fair, wind S.W.
Original Source: UFO Central
Investigator: J. Pappenhagen, for W. Rice, Center Investigator

15. January 29, 1975, at 6.00 p.m., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. Type: NL

In the witness's words: "I noticed what looked like a gigantic star with a red beam of light in its centre. It stayed in one place, and was lower than the flying level of an airplane. "... We started walking towards home and were going to get a little telescope we have, then go back to look at it...we looked back at it again...we saw two of them this time directly in line with each other...as I pointed to it, this thing came down at us, in a floating manner, like that of an air-plane when it is going to land, only it seemed to flow or float down, and as it got real low it suddenly soared back-wards and back up into the air real fast and disappeared."

(Note: two other witnesses — names unknown to the witness who reported — viewed the object.)

Both witnesses reported pains in the side for 2 hours after the observation, but this could have been due to some other cause.

Weather: clear Duration: 30—45 minutes
Original source: Phone call to Center Office
Investigator: Center report form filled out

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